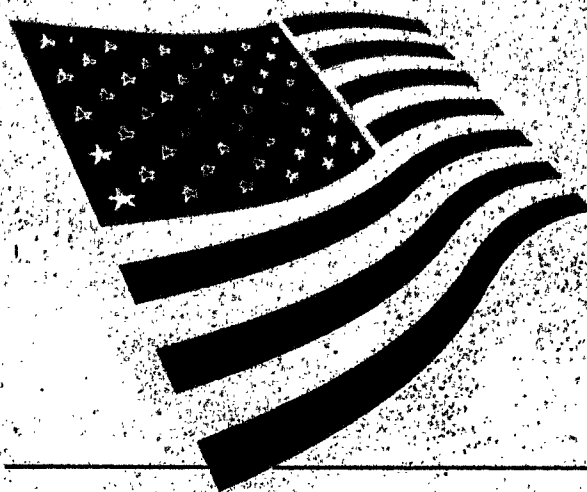


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## St. Patrick's Day activities

Waveland, Pass. Post 77, Kiln Ladies Aux. plan St. Pat's events this weekend.  
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Tragedy brings families together to help stop needless train-related deaths.  
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### Save Our Children bd. meeting rescheduled

Save Our Children regular monthly board meeting has been rescheduled for March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the center - 405 S. Necaise Ave., Bay St. Louis. Members and friends are invited to attend.

### St. Clare PTO plans \$10,000 drawdown

St. Clare School PTO will present a \$10,000 draw down on Saturday, March 22. Limited tickets are available. To take a chance or for more information, call 467-7071.

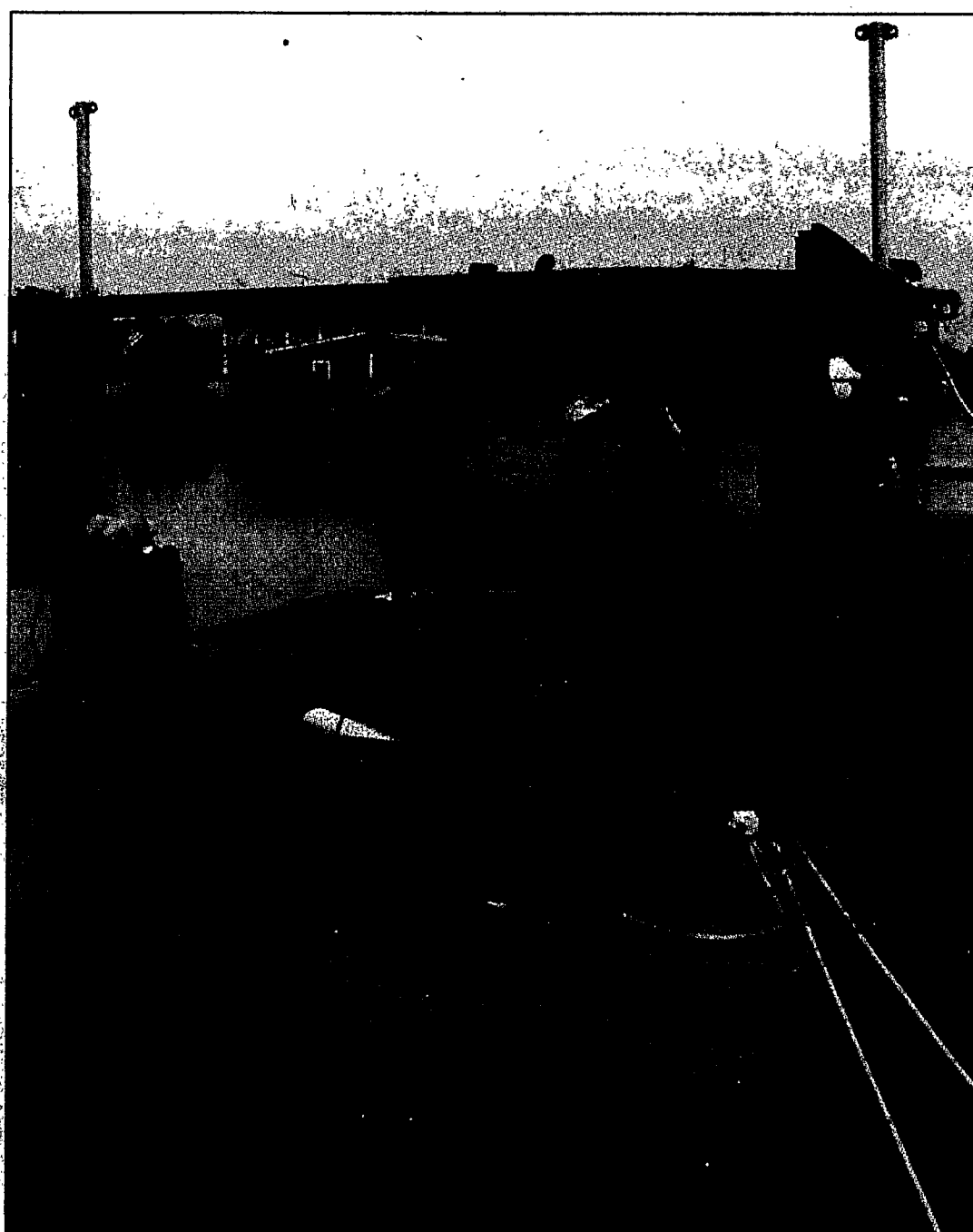
### Relay for Life meeting

Hancock County Chairman David Mayley and the American Cancer Society are holding a meeting tonight for Relay For Life. Anyone interested in forming a team or participating on a team are also invited. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Coast Electric meeting room on Main Street near Hwy. 90, BSL.

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## REEF-FURBISHMENT



Personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard Pollution Response team and contractors from Garner Environmental work Wednesday to prepare an abandoned oyster barge to become an artificial reef.

### Abandoned Bayou Caddy oyster barge to become a reef

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

The U.S. Coast Guard is quite literally "barging" in to Department of Marine Resources territory, preparing an abandoned oyster barge at Bayou Caddy to be used as an artificial reef.

"This is a win-win situation," Chief Patrick Cuty, of the USCG's New Orleans-based pollution response

team. "It helps the DMR with their (reef) program and it saves us the expense of disposing of this vessel."

DMR personnel and contractors from Garner

Environmental worked yesterday to strip everything but the steel from the vessel, the Alicia M., in preparation

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## '10 Most Wanted' suspect caught at Waveland Kmart

Bay man nabbed in molestation of three-month-old

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

One of Mississippi's Ten Most Wanted, Johnny Lee Wyatt, was arrested on Monday night in Waveland, according to a release from the Department of Public Safety.

Wyatt, 36, whose last known address was on Hinds St. in Bay St. Louis, was apprehended in the parking lot of the Waveland K-mart about 8 p.m. on Monday, after the Mississippi Highway Patrol's Bureau of Investigation became aware that the fugitive had returned to Hancock County.

Wyatt had been a fugitive since he was indicted by a Hancock County Grand Jury in October, 2001 on charges of child molesta-



Johnny Lee Wyatt

tion, involving a three-month-old child, the release said. He is also facing charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Investigators have followed the case as Wyatt drifted around the country for the last year and a half, as far away as Phoenix, Arizona, said Special Agent-In-Charge of Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Jim Boxx. When they received information that Wyatt had returned to the county, he was arrested at the first opportunity.

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## Escapee recaptured after hopping train

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

Deputies recaptured a Florida man early yesterday after he had snuck out a back door of the Hancock jail on Tuesday and hopped a slow-moving train.

Officers from the sheriff's department and the Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments locked down Our Lady Academy and Bay Catholic Elementary early Tuesday

afternoon after it was discovered that David Eubank, 41, had escaped from the nearby Hancock County Justice Facility.

Bob Lambert, lead investigator for the sheriff's department, said yesterday that Eubank had been allowed to make a telephone call, and quietly slipped out the back door during a delivery. He then jumped



Eubank

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## Bay council eyes construction of raised beach parking lot

BY MARY G. SEILEY  
Staff Writer

With over \$500,000 in state Tidelands Trust money bobbing along the shoreline, Bay St. Louis leaders agreed Tuesday to study the prospects of an elevated parking deck near the Jimmy Rutherford Pier on Beach Boulevard.

City Council members also agreed they need professional help studying potential rezoning of part

of Felicity Street, and a significant stretch of industrial properties in the residential heart of the old town.

In the shoreline deck matter, consulting engineer William Mitchell told City Council that building a parking lot on stilts extending some 40 feet off the shoreline may be the city's best option for giving pier patrons a place to park and easing downtown traffic problems.

Obviously, the downtown Beach Boulevard strip can't be widened, he said, and putting a parking lot on the beachfront is not feasible due to the likelihood of weather-related devastation.

Mitchell noted that the city already has \$400,000 in Tidelands grants waiting to be spent, with another \$150,000 in the wings. The money flows from rents the Secretary of State's office collects

from casino rental of state-owned shoreline properties. It was the source of more than \$1 million in grants the city used to build the Rutherford Pier.

Strings attached to the money require that it be spent on shore-front recreational facilities, such as the pier, rather than general purposes of city government.

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# Gulf Coast Pilgrimage comes to Pass Christian, Pass Christian Isles, Bay St. Louis, Waveland

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

**Publisher Emeritus**  
The 56th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage of historical homes, gardens and galleries continues runs through Saturday.

On Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, the pilgrimage moves to Pass Christian and Pass Christian Isles.

The tour includes: The home of Jack and Elaine Marshall, 608 Sandy Hook Drive; the home of Evelyn Winch and family, 306 Magnolia La.; the home of Wayne and Carol De La Houssaye, Fair Winds, 616 Sandy Hook Drive; the garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hester Plaunche, 330 Poindexter Drive.

In Bay St. Louis on Friday, the Hancock County Historical Society at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue St., (across from the courthouse) will from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. have maps of the tour and light refreshments.

The tours of homes from 1 to 4 p.m. include, the Kelly House, 816 N. Beach Blvd.; the home of James and Marion Toledano, 223 Leonhard, Avenue; and the cottage and garden of Nancy Maszta, 225 Leonhard Avenue, all in Bay St. Louis.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs is proud of the fact that the viewing of the homes and garden is free for visitors and does not charge like in other areas.

The tours are complimentary. They do ask that you follow the markers that are used in all communities, and observe the specific viewing hours.

Local stops on the tour include:

**Friday, March 14- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Hostesses: Point Island Garden Club

**1. THE HOME OF JACK AND ELAINE MARSHALL, 608 Sandy Hook Dr.** Built in 1995, this owner designed two story elevated residence is located on Bayou Mallini and across the street from the Bay of St. Louis. An array of deep aqua-green window shutters contrast sharply with its white exterior, which provides the residence with a distinctive eye appealing presence. The focal point of the home's interior is an 8' by 60' chandelier lighted hall, which runs the entire length of the house and is reminiscent of the long halls found in old plantation homes. Another interesting feature is the unique octagonal stained glass window on the stair landing that ascends to the upper floor. Other highlights of the home include a large open kitchen/dining area and a spacious 15' by 33' great room.

**2. THE HOME OF EVELYN WINCH AND FAMILY, 306 Magnolia La.** The home, originally built in 1965, has brick and wood exterior and overlooks Bayou Mallini. It was rebuilt after Hurricane Camille and the current owners purchased the home in 1981. When the owners retired in 1991, they moved permanently from Alabama to Pass Christian and doubled the size of the house. One particular feature of the home is a sunroom overlooking the bayou. The room is a serene place to enjoy the sunrise and sunsets and to observe the pelicans in the spring. Some of the contents of the home include family heirlooms, some dating back to the late 1880's and there are several items circa 1900. Other artwork completed

between 1911-1915 were painted by the owner's mother-in-law. There are several wicker chairs, in one of which three generations of babies were rocked. Other interesting items include a Windsor dinette set with desk and tea wagon, 50 volume set of Harvard Classics, Copyright 1909 and numerous other treasures.

**3. HOME OF WAYNE AND CAROL DE LA HOUSSEY, Fair Winds, 616 Sandy Hook Dr.** This weekend home is a West Indies influenced cottage. English and French style furnishings are used throughout the home. The flooring is distressed white oak on the main level and Tumbled marble and ceramic tile are used in the kitchen and baths. Sea grass rugs and sisal style wool carpeting are used throughout the other rooms in the home.

**4. GARDEN OF MR. AND MRS. H. HESTER PLAUCHE, 330 Poindexter Dr.** Enter the front gate and enjoy the sounds of water flowing from bronze cranes who keep watch over the 1000 gallon free form pond containing a variety of water lilies, bog plants, fish and frogs in a landscaped surround. Follow the stone path that meanders under a live oak to Bois de Ore Bayou side of Joie de Vivre where a smaller pond can be enjoyed from the sunroom or while sitting on Bois, a mosaic tile alligator bench by artist Robert Waldrop. Continue on the path and enjoy refreshments poolside. Exit through the pool house breezeway past a tropical alcove containing the outdoor spa and then follow the path through the front garden of azaleas and irises where a small footbridge crosses a flowing stream of water.

Lunch is available at Pass Christian Yacht Club from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 14- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Chairman: Mrs. Kathleen Kemp  
Hostesses: Bay-Waveland Garden Club

**1. THE HANCOCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE KATE LOBRANO HOUSE, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.** Historical Society members welcome you to visit them for tour maps. This turn of the century home was donated to the Historical Society by the heirs of Kate Lobrano. Charles Gray, noted Historian, and society members have worked for years establishing a small library and museum dedicated to truths and tales of the area. Of special interest are the hundreds of photos capturing coastal homes through the years with an historic overview showing the sites before and after Hurricane Camille. Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**2. THE KELLY HOUSE, 816 North Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis.** This historic ante-bellum home on the Bay of St. Louis is owned by Joe and Teresa Kelly.

The house was built in 1854 by Elizabeth Leibbrook who, was the daughter of Jesse Cownad, owner of the neighboring Elmwood Plantation. The Kelly's began an extensive renovation and

restoration of the property in 1997 and completed in 2000. Notable architectural features include floor to ceiling windows, a nine foot Mahogany mantle on one of the three gas/wood burning fireplaces, 14 foot ceilings,

heart pine floors and a five foot wide Old Chicago brick sidewalk. The home is gracefully furnished with a unique collection of period antiques, such as a seven foot Venetian glass wall mirror and triple door Mahogany armoire. Amenities such as granite counter tops and Italian marble bathrooms enhance the home's beauty. The Kelly's enjoy their lovely Chickering baby grand piano, which takes center stage when they entertain. The grounds occupy one and a half acres filled with a half dozen gardens graced with fountains and bird-baths. From the front porch, you can sit and enjoy a breath taking view of the Bay while being fanned by a pleasant breeze rolling across the water. At the rear of the house, the Kelly's added a 1,200 square foot deck that wraps around the massive oaks creating a tropical garden atmosphere.

**3. THE HOME OF JAMES AND MARION TOLEDANO, 223 Leonhard Ave. Bay St. Louis.** The Toledano's acquired the house in 1997 and began renovations to bring it to its present condition, keeping the original integrity of the floor plan. The front four rooms have cypress pine planks that are believed to be those used when it was first constructed as a sharecropper or tenant house. During renovation, the Toledano's learned that the house was built on property acquired from the division of Elmwood Plantation post Civil War era. This gives reasoning to the fact that they found no plumbing in the front rooms. Another unique feature of the home is the brick walls and fireplace, which have been concealed by the renovation of previous owners. Local historians have noted that the bricks used in the home were the same

as those used in the Elmwood Manor, having been commissioned by the Queen of England. The home is surrounded on two sides by a lovely front and side screened porch that the Toledano's used for "café dining", reading and relaxing. Note the lovely gardens that are planted with tropicals, native plants and pecan trees. Be sure to see the Cabana and swing set house, a truly Southern touch to this gracious home. Most of the out buildings of the Manor house are gone. The Toledano's home is of the few that has survived through the centuries.

**4. THE COTTAGE AND GARDEN OF NANCY MASZTA, 225 Leonhard Ave. Bay St. Louis.** This 1920's cottage is the former site of the noted Cedar Point School that operated in the 1980's. Nancy purchased the elementary school in 1996, moving to Bay St. Louis from Long Beach. The home features plank style hardwood flooring, three working fireplaces and a central hall that leads to a large sunroom across the back of the house. A unique feature of the home is the Ship's Staircase, which depicts the industrial style of Thomas Jefferson. The stairs lead to the library holding the family collection of children's books and other beloved memorabilia. Nancy has selected a delightful mixture of old and new furnishings that blend with her collection of artifacts from foreign countries, she has visited. Adorning the walls are works of local artists. Visitors will see works by Amber King, Elizabeth Veglia, Kat Fitzpatrick, Sory Yager and Pat Odom. The property is graced with several century old oaks and graceful palms Nancy's love of nature led her to create the wonderful butterfly gardens.

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### WRANPS needs spring volunteers for animals

Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society in Pass Christian is seeking volunteers to help with injured or orphaned baby animals.

Facility director Katy Pope will conduct orientation classes for new members who are at least 18 years old. Call 452-9453.

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## Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Feb. 28 to March 9. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Michael Foster, 31, receiving stolen property
- Robert W. Mooney, 46, domestic violence (hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office)
- Lorie L. Penton, 40, domestic violence
- Christopher Michael Gauthreaux, 27, DUI (other), no driver's license, simple possession of controlled substance
- Holly M. Hearty, 20, disturbance of family, (parole violation)
- Justine Delle, 24, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Krystal H. Billeaud, 27, disturbance of family, (parole violation)
- Victoria A. Rominger, 50, DUI (2nd)
- Marc Joseph Monica, 28, public drunk, disturbance of family (non-domestic)
- Wilmer Mitchell, 35, public drunk, contempt of court (warrant)
- Wayne J. Breaux, 43, public drunk, disorderly conduct
- Edward Ernest Vera, 50, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Daniel Earl Chamblee, 22, DUI (1st), reckless operation, disorderly conduct
- Pennie Waltman, 22, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Forestine Hoffman, 32, disorderly conduct, malicious mischief, public drunk, (parole violation)
- Gene Williams, 40, trespassing, disturbance of peace, malicious mischief, (warrant)
- Rudolph Ladner, 41, simple assault (domestic)
- Kermit John Rush, 39, DUI (other substance), reckless driving
- Jeremy D. Reynolds, 26,

DUI (2nd), suspended driver's license, reckless driving

• Chianti Booth, 25, disturbance of family (domestic)

• Daniel J. Newingham, 28, simple assault (domestic)

• Wendy A. Strickland, 27, DUI (3rd), refused test, careless driving, driving while suspended

• Melvin Young, 32, uttering forgery, petit larceny, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)

• Leon Fairley, 50, possession of controlled substance

• Michael A. Perkins, 35, no insurance, no driver's license, reckless driving, leaving scene of accident

• Charmine R. Jackson, 31, simple assault

• Tanya M. Curry, 25, simple assault

• Troy M. Baudean, 42, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, resisting arrest

• Sheryl T. Kennedy, 48, simple assault (domestic)

• Dennis R. Johnston, 52, simple assault (domestic)

• Don M. Brown, 36, contempt of court, driving while driver's license suspended, obstruction of traffic, possession of drug paraphernalia, (warrant)

• William Joseph Hotard, 42, DUI (1st), refused test, obstruction of traffic

• Marty A. Ladner, 41, disorderly conduct, disturbance of family (domestic)

• Carl J. Campbell, 28, contempt of court, (warrant)

• Elizabeth Marie Coffelt, 42, parole violation

• Anthony Autrey, 41, contempt of court, possession of controlled substance, (warrant)

• Milton J. Simpson Jr., 65, DUI (3rd), refused test

• James Michael Boswell, 19, capital murder

• Sungat Altis, 48, DUI (1st), improper turn

• Jerme E. Curet, 23, contempt of court, (warrant)

• J'Landa J. Comeaux, 26, public drunk, disorderly conduct

## Bus hit and run sends woman to jail

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A woman, who rear ended a Hancock North Central Elementary School bus Monday around 3:30 p.m., is facing several charges including leaving the scene of the accident, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Garber said yesterday that Carrie M. Mooney, 23, of 11089 Briarcliff Drive, Picayune, was charged with DUI other substance, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance, no child

restraints, and failure to yield in an accident which sent about a dozen shaken students to Crosby Memorial Hospital to be checked.

Lt. Ray Billeaud, who led the investigation of the incident reported, "The accident occurred at the intersection of Katie and Karley Drive when the bus had approximately 25 young students."

"American Medical Response was summoned and School Administrator David Kopf was at scene helping identify names of

students who were hurt so parents could be notified. Deputy Kent Malley also and arrived at the scene," Billeaud said.

"A student on the bus recognized the driver of the vehicle and gave deputies the address of the fleeing driver. When all students were cared for and the scene cleared, myself and Deputy Malley went to the Deer Park residence reported by the student," Billeaud stated in his report.

"At the residence there was a crowd of people in the

yard and we saw the vehicle and discovered a small dent and some rubber on the hood. The suspect who was recognized among the group first denied she was involved in the accident and later changed her story that she had ran into the bus," Billeaud reported.

Mooney was read her rights and placed under arrest and booked on the charges and bond was set at \$3,500, Billeaud said.

## Deputies save victims who were submerged in ditch after wreck

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Quick response by Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies saved the life of two military occupants a pickup truck upside down filling with water around 2:30 a.m. March 5, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Deputy Jason Chandler, said he was only 30 seconds away from reaching the accident at the East bound exit ramp 13 of Interstate 10 involving the pickup upside down in a ditch filled with water.

"Myself and Deputy

Clark Ladner ran to the vehicle to check on the occupants. We had to wade in deep water to get to the vehicle.

"I made contact with the occupants, who stated they were O.K., but the cab was filling with water," Chandler's report said.

The truck was submerged with only an inch of the driver's window above the water. Deputies Danny Gilkerson, Alex Lizana and David King quickly arrived at the scene too, Chandler added.

"A quick plan was formed

to prevent the occupants from drowning, and using the Buffer Zone Patrol truck's winch. Chandler and Gilkerson were able to attached my cable to the c-frame of the vehicle. And we were able to roll the truck over. The occupants were O.K., and reported they were stationed at Pascagoula," Lizana said.

As the vehicle's occupants were removed from the vehicle, State Troopers arrived at the scene and the investigation was turned over to them, the report said.

## Prayer vigil for peace on March 15

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The St. Rose de Lima Peace & Justice Ministry invites persons of all faiths who desire to witness for peace join them for a peace vigil beginning at 6:30 pm on Saturday, March 15th. The service will be held at the Shrine facing Hwy 90 on the grounds of the Divine Word Seminary.

"At this moment of inter-

national concern, we feel the urgent need to turn to the Lord to implore him for the great gift of peace." Responding to Pope John Paul II's call for us to be "sentinels of peace", the Ministry urges those, who wish to pray for a peaceful resolution to the buildup to war in Iraq, to join in this prayer vigil.

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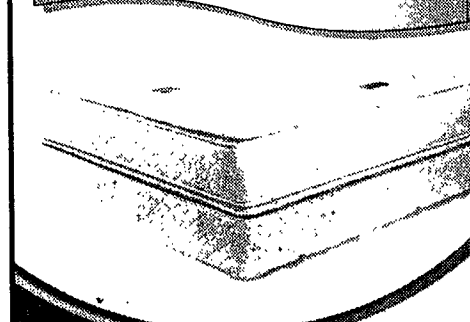
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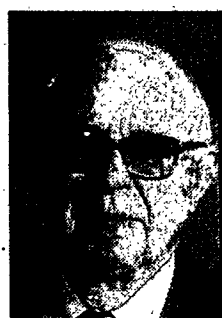
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## Get your walking shoes for W'land St. Patrick's parade

Saturday is the big parade day for the Waveland Civic Association.

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. The parade forms on Waveland Avenue near the ball park beginning at 1 p.m. The down Central Avenue, Coleman, Laffite, Beach Boulevard, etc.

This is a great time for the O'Bourgeois, O'Ladners, O'Fountains, O'Longos, O'Ashmans', O'Smolenskys, O'Piazzas, O'Hubbards', O'Necaises, and oh so many folks.

Cabbages, onions, beads, trinkets, cups and all sorts of things will be distributed from the annual affair sponsored by the Waveland Civic Association.

There will be trophies awarded in several categories of floats in the parades.

Bands, families, floats, marchers and all sorts of folks are scheduled to participate in the Waveland parade.

Good reviewing spots are along Central Avenue, Coleman Avenue, Beach Boulevard, etc. Around city hall the crowd is usually very large.

If want to have a great time, get you walking shoes

out for the St. Patrick's parade.

A Coffee Call like one not seen in Hancock County will take place on Wednesday, March 26, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Cypress Cove Ballroom of Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis.

This is a regional Coffee Call co-sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Chamber of Commerce, Partners For Pearl River County, The Greater Slidell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The big event will be Announcing the Economic Impact and Future Vision of Stennis Space Center. Keynote speakers, which begins at 8 a.m., are, Bill Parsons, Stennis Space Center director, and Rear Admiral Thomas Q. Donaldson V, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command commander.

The cost is \$10 per person and registration deadline is Wednesday, March 19. For registration, call the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048.

## Coffee Call

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Cypress Cove Ballroom  
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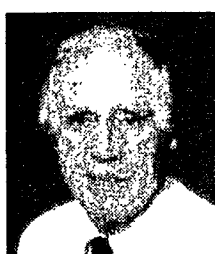
## The power of money in politics

**M**oney, money, money. The power of money in politics. The Barbour, Haley and Henry, know from the inside how it works.

A couple weeks ago, I saw the name Barbour pop up several times in Bill Moyers' "NOW" documentary on PBS revealing some insider Republican National Committee documents unearthed in the court challenge against the McCain/Fiengold campaign finance bill, the law banning soft money in politics.

Here's the Barbour connection: Haley was national chairman of the Republican National Committee in the 1990s. The RNC is a leading plaintiff in the lawsuit seeking to knock out McCain/Fiengold in the Supreme Court.

The internal documents



## Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

Poetically, Haley Barbour is now back in Mississippi running for governor on the Republican ticket and Henry Barbour is his campaign manager.

All of the RNC internal memoranda and letters in the Moyers' piece give a rare inside view of how big political money exerts its power in politics. The RNC memorandum had been dug out by Fred Wertheimer's new governmental reform group, Democracy 21, from voluminous court filings.

Wertheimer is noted as

the former longtime head of Common Cause, which bird-dogged corruption and undue influence of money in the nation's political system.

This writer obtained copies from Democracy 21 of a number of internal memoranda and documents during the 1995-97 period when both the Barbours were top staffers for the Republican National Committee.

In one, Henry Barbour pens a Nov. 7, 1996 note to "Dear Lew," a top guy at Dow Chemical Company offering to "facilitate Dow's generous contribution" by fixing a time for Lew to "bring your Dow leadership into town to see Haley, Dole and Newt."

Of course, we remember that Sen. Bob Dole and Rep. Newt Gingrich then were the respectively Senate GOP majority leader and speaker of the House, and Haley was RNC chairman.

Wertheimer on the Moyers NOW journal said from his long experience of

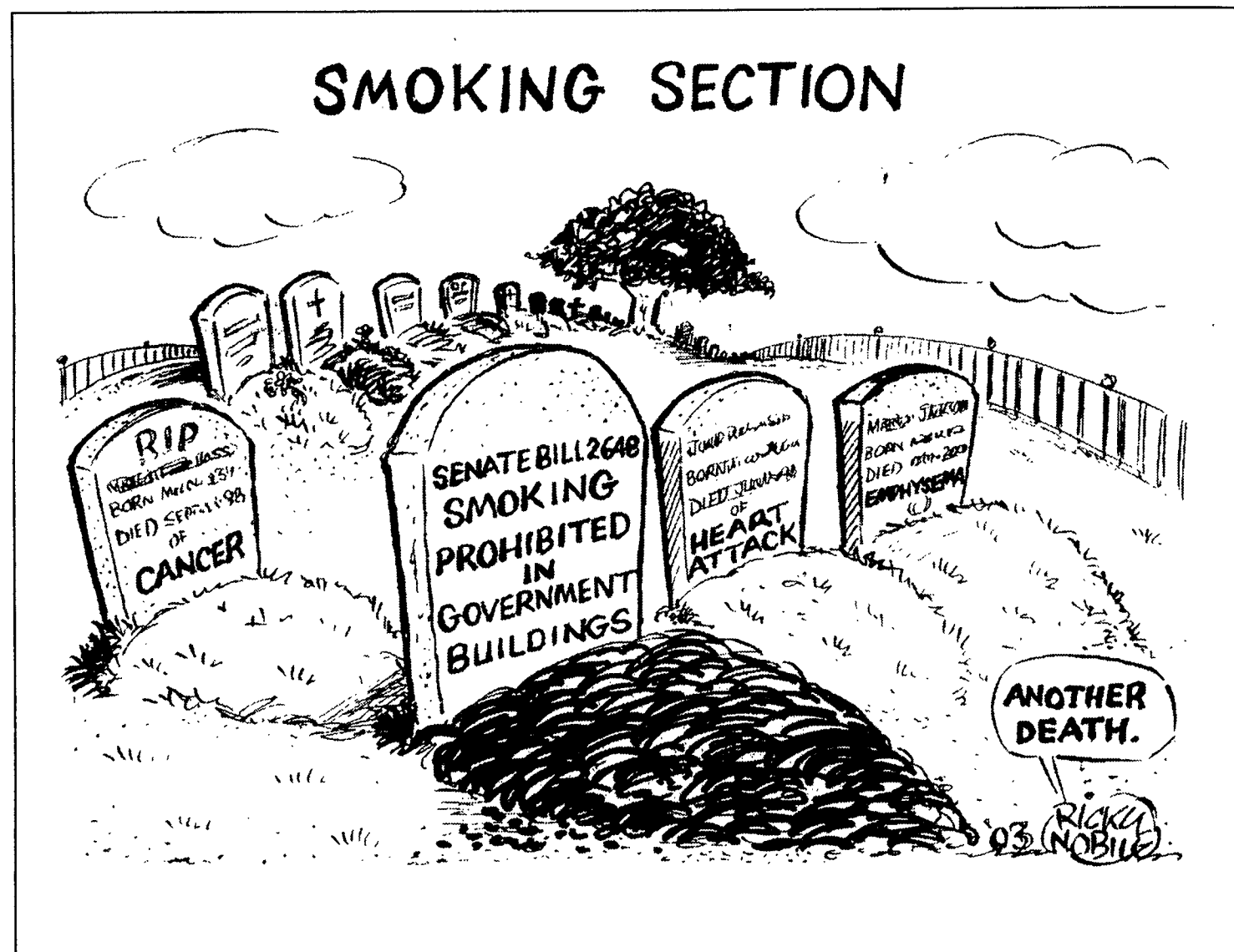
how money buys influence, this get-together of Dow brass with Haley Barbour and the two most powerful Republican Congressional leaders was "not simply a meet and greet" occasion.

He cited it as a classic example of how such corporate giants as Dow through political money cozy up to top-drawer people in Congress. High on Dow's legislative agenda would be environmental matters such as factory emissions, the Superfund or liability for defective products.

Again, another handwritten note from Henry Barbour, in January, 1995, to "Dear Louis" (Louis Bacon, head of Moore Capital Management, a huge foreign currency investment firm) says: "Haley particularly appreciated picking your brain on the Mexican peso deal," on a recent visit with him.

The memo adds: "he (Haley) literally passed on what he heard that day

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## Taxes: millage more important than property appraisals

To put it simply, when it comes to our property taxes, millage rates are more important than property appraisals. The reason is because we have more control over the process of setting millage, and we can exercise that control each year in September. That is, if we're paying attention.

Because Mississippi lost a lawsuit over inequities in property appraisals across county lines, the state is under supreme court order to "get its act together." In 2000 Hancock County failed a state sales ratio "audit" and was mandated to bring its property values up to date by 2002. Not complying could have jeopardized certain benefits we receive from the state. Of course, there's more to the story, but for purposes of this article, the point is that we really have very little control over the updating of property appraisals. It's going to go on without us.

Where we do have more immediate influence is at the local level because millage rates are set every September by the five taxing authorities in our county. These are made up of officials whom we elect. The five authorities are the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, the Bay-Waveland School Board, and the Hancock County School Board.

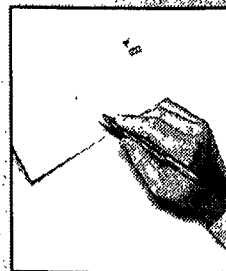
Millage determines how much we are taxed. If you look at the chart below, you will see a comparison of the millage rates for the current fiscal year and last year. Note that even though a millage rate may have been lowered, the tax revenue can be greater. This is because the value of a mill has gone up each year because its value is based on the total of property

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## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



## W'land police, fire depts. are incredible

A few weeks ago, Feb. 14 I fell from my bicycle and broke my ankle in Waveland.

I want to thank the Waveland Police Department, Waveland Fire Department and AMR for such rapid response.

Also to Miss Ruby a very nice lady who lives in the neighborhood where I fell she was very kind and attended to me before help arrived. God Bless you all for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
R. Almond  
Bay St. Louis

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to Dole and Gingrich." At the time, the U.S. was deciding whether to prop up the value of the Mexican peso, a matter of keen pecuniary interest to Bacon.

Henry's note to Bacon further mentions he is pleased "Kim," (apparently Kim White, a top associate of Bacon) is "coming out to Aspen." A second memo the same day to "Dear Kim," says she will enjoy joining a "good group," including himself, in the Colorado ski resort.

Then, the memo to Kim gets down to business: "Let me know how the Dole & Gingrich contacts are working--or if there are some others you want to hook up with. Thanks for your support of the RNC, best regards, Henry."

Another document reminds a fellow RNC staffer that Bacon "has been very generous to the RNC" and that he needs to establish "a contact in Senator Dole's office for Mr. Bacon."

Haley Barbour gets into the picture in the internal documents as either the writer or the addressee of several typewritten letters to and from heavy donors seeking or being

given access to Congressional figures who deal with the donor's particular business interest.

One February, 1996 letter is from John Neuman of Edison Electric Institute (an outfit that obviously deals with a lot more than electricity) to Haley. It thanks Haley for putting him together over dinner in Aspen with U.S. Rep. Dan Schaefer, a Colorado Republican, and "gaining his confidence" about his Medicare/Medicaid legislation.

Neuman's letter says "We could not have asked for more" and closes with "thanks again for all you've done for us. We are excited about being the newest member of Team 100."

A year after he had engineered the 1996 GOP takeover of both houses of Congress, Haley Barbour walked through the "revolving door," as it is known in Washington, directly from the RNC chairmanship into the lucrative world of being a top Capitol Hill lobbyist whose clients include a number of heavy-hitter GOP corporate donor friends, health care and big tobacco among them.

Not long before Haley changed hats, a couple of the insider letters reveal he communicated with several corporate heads. One of them was is top guy at New York Life Insurance Company who in a September, 1996 letter to Haley gloats about how Republicans sabotaged President Clinton's 1993 universal health care proposal.

But the New York Life guy, Lee Gammill, Jr., as his letter to Haley shows, is not happy that some Republicans are sponsoring measures that would enact "piecemeal" health care mandates and he wants Haley to block them.

Steve Coll, managing editor of the Washington Post said the message taken from the insider documents uncovered by Wertheimer's Democracy 21 show an "expectation of gain" by the big donors. While not bribery in a legal sense, he said, it is "a perversion and corruption of the electoral system."

From the giddy heights of dealing for 20 years with big money in politics at the highest level of the nation's government, Haley is now turning his

sights on what money can do to propel him into the governor's office back in his native Mississippi.

Word in the political community is that Haley Barbour expects to spend \$9 million in this year's gubernatorial race, more than double what any previous candidate has ever spent in Mississippi.

"That's a little bit high," said Clarke Reed, the Republican warhorse from Greenville, who is on Barbour's campaign finance committee.

But Reed admitted the target goal for the Barbour race is "way up there," though he would not say how much. Barbour, Reed added, "is the best I have ever seen at raising money, and it is coming in earlier than I have ever seen."

An example: in just one night recently at a fundraiser for Barbour at the home of a Jackson businessman, \$580,000 was ponied up by attendees.

## Taxes

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appraisals in each of the taxing districts (jurisdictions). And we all know appraisals have gone up! In the county, for example, one mil last year was equal to \$276,000. This year a mil is \$327,000. If you multiply the value of one mil times the millage rate you can tell how much tax revenue that the tax authority has received from property.

Look at Waveland's example and note that Waveland officials kept the millage rate the same at 22.625. Makes you think

that the mayor and aldermen didn't raise taxes. Not so! Do the math. If you multiply the rate (22.625mils) times the value of one mil last year (\$39,580) and then multiply the rate times the value of a mil this year (\$49,282), you'll see that's a 24.5 percent increase in property tax revenue.

The important thing to remember is that every September we have an opportunity to halt these increases. Get involved in the process of setting millages by letting your voice be

heard at meetings of the taxing authorities, especially in late summer and early September.

In Hancock County since 1990, the value of a mil has increased significantly, and yet millage rates have stayed almost the same, with the exception of Bay St. Louis. Property tax revenue more than tripled. Millage should have gone down. It didn't. Shame on us.

Henry Magee  
Bay St. Louis

Taxing Authority	'01-'02	'02-'03	Change
Board of Supervisors	48.25 mills	44.46 mills	-3.79 mills
Property Tax Revenue	\$13,317,000	\$14,538,420	+\$1,221,420 (+9.2%)
Bay St. Louis	5 mills	10.5 mills	+5.5 mills
	\$297,500	\$769,000	+\$471,500 (+158.5%)
Waveland	22.625 mills	22.625 mills	none
	\$895,510	\$1,115,000	+\$219,490 (+24.5%)
Hancock County Schools	50.38 mills	47.64 mills	-2.4 mills
	\$8,651,000	\$8,985,000	+\$334,000 (+3.9%)
Bay-Waveland Schools	57 mills	44.5 mills	-12.5 mills
	\$6,763,000	\$6,212,500	-\$550,500 (-8.5%)

Prepared by Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association  
March 2003

## Hancock Democrats to host fish fry March 14

This Friday, March 14, the Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee with host a Fish Fry & Rally to Meet the Candidates at the Hancock County Civic Center in Waveland from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost per plate is \$6 and will include salad and a side dish.

This day affords the community an opportunity to meet candidates who

have qualified for both state and local elections. "We have received an overwhelming response from state and local candidates to attend this event," said Betty Tolar, chairperson of the committee. "We are excited about having the chance to host this important event in our county."

For information and tickets, contact Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350 or Tere Carlin at 228-586-1089.

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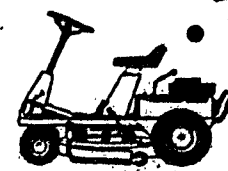
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## Wrong lane driver leads to 603 chase

### Bay woman charged with DUI, numerous violations

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
A Bay St. Louis woman driving down the wrong lane of Highway 603 on Feb. 27, around 11:15 p.m., received numerous charges following being stopped by spike strips, according to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

In a report, deputy Jason Chandler said, "I was traveling in the south bound lane of Highway 603 when I met a vehicle traveling north bound in my lane and had to run off the road to keep from being struck. I got behind the vehicle and activated my blue lights and the driver refused to stop. The vehicle was waving from one side of Highway 603 to the other and ran several other motorists off the highway."

"Deputy Danny Gilkerson advised me that

he was setting up spike strips on 603 near Stennis Drive before the four-lane ends. The spikes stopped the vehicle after about a six mile chase, just before the beginning of the two lanes," Chandler reported.

The driver of the vehicle, Kellie Ann Chaisson, 38, of Bay St. Louis was charged with DUI (other substance), driving on the wrong side of the road, reckless driving, no seat belt, failure to yield to blue lights and sirens, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, Garber said. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

Other officers involved in the arrest were, Lt. Tim Broder, Deputy Clark Ladner, and Investigator Andre Fizer.

## Bobcat, trailer stolen from Water & Sewer

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
**AND BENNIE SHALLBETTER**  
**Staff Writer**

Thieves were caught on camera at the maintenance yard of Hancock County Water and Sewer off Longfellow Road, but they haven't been caught yet. Video tape from the yard's security camera system caught two men hooking up the district's brand new \$30,000 white 328 Bob Cat Mini Excavator to their truck, said district director Eddie Renz.

Following the Nereids parade on Feb. 23, the men also took a black trailer with a red ramp holding the tractor. The theft occurred about 6:30 p.m., Renz said, but the camera also caught the men on tape at about 5:20 p.m. when the vehicle pulled up to the gate and cut the chain and lock.

"The camera shows two men in the truck driving around the area, accompanied by what appeared to be a lookout, someone in an SUV," said Renz. "Both

vehicles left the area and came back, took a military hitch off another truck in the yard, and hitched the trailer to their truck. The SUV remained outside the fence."

Sheriff's investigator Matt Barnett, who is handling the case said, "We are seeking the owner of a Dodge pickup truck with a chrome roll bar in the bed with two spot lights and a three-piece bug shield in front."

The person driving the vehicle is a white male, medium to heavy with a receding hairline.

Renz said the truck appeared to be a 2000 or 2001 model with an extended cab.

The tape was sent to Stennis Space Center for enhancement of the images, said Renz.

Anyone with information about the stolen tractor and trailer, or information on the vehicle and driver are asked to contact the sheriff's office at 467-5101.

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## 'Premier to Death' stars local teens Sunday

**BY SHANNON JENKINS**  
**Staff Writer**

Color Campus Advanced Acting Students will present "Premier to Death" on March 16 at 27th Avenue Bistro in Gulfport.

This dinner theater comedy by Laith M. Radif and Barbara Medlock takes place in the middle of the premiere party for the movie "Cold Steel, Hot Tamales."

Taylor Allee will portray Meredith King, the famed producer/director who "seems to be on the verge of another hugely prosperous film."

But, things don't quite go as planned for King and the rest of the characters.

Allee, the daughter of Don and Michelle Allee of Pass Christian, said she knows the show will be a success.

"I look forward to giving the audience a great evening of entertainment as well as a wonderful meal," the 16-year-old said.

This is the first year Allee has participated in theater and Color Campus, but she

seems excited about her role and the show.

"It's a mystery, but (the show has) enough humor to keep it light-hearted," the Our Lady Academy junior said.

Bay St. Louis resident Marlana Turner also likes the show because it's a mystery and because it's her first time to do dinner theater.

"It's something new, and I can't wait to do it," said the 14-year-old daughter of William and Jo Arleen Turner.

Turner, who has been involved in theater for eight years, will play a movie reviewer in the show. She joined Color Campus six months ago.

"I would always run around the house acting and doing silly stuff, and mom thought I would like acting — and I do," said the eighth-grader at Hancock Middle School.

Other cast members include Justin Guthrie, Yesenia Henriquez, Jeremy Hepler, Chris McFarland,



Pictured from left are Chris McFarland, Cynthia Newman, Marlana Turner, Jaclyn Williams, Taylor Allee and Bryce Russell.

Amanda Nash, Cynthia Newman, Royal Newman, Alissa Robinson, Bryce Russell, Christina Steube and Jaclyn Williams. Barbara Medlock will direct.

Seating is at 5:30 and the performance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes the show, a three-course meal, coffee, tea, soft drinks and tax. A cash bar will be available. Gratuities are not included.

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Notice of Intent/Notice of Public Scoping for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Purchasing Land and Establishing a Naval Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range in the easement buffer of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's John C. Stennis Space Center, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of purchasing 5,200 acres of privately owned property located in the northwestern acoustic buffer zone at John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County, Mississippi, and using the acquired acreage as a Navy Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range. Live-fire training on the range would use small arms Short Range Training Ammunition (SRTA) that has a plastic, non-lead, non-explosive projectile and a limited flight profile.

The proposed action will provide Special Operations Forces with reliable and priority access to a training range characterized by a permanent riverine and jungle environment and where live-fire exercises using SRTA can be conducted adjacent to SSC. Establishment of this range would meet the need of Special Operations Forces to train under realistic combat scenarios thereby increasing their readiness to support national defense objectives and reducing combat casualties. It would also provide a range where Special Operations Forces could deploy the maritime unmanned aerial vehicle and conduct exercises using helicopters, boats and vehicles.

Alternatives to be considered in the EIS will address the various types and tempos of training to be conducted on the range and along reaches of the Pearl and Mikes Rivers, including the "No Action" alternatives. Environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to: geology; biotic communities, including threatened and endangered species; water resources; noise; air quality; non-military land uses and access; cultural resources; transportation and waterway navigation; and water and land contaminants. The analysis will include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the NEPA process is completed.

The Navy will conduct two Public Scoping Meetings during the scoping process to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. The meetings will consist of an open-house format that allows citizens to attend at any time during the meeting. Representatives from the Navy will be available to answer questions about the proposed action and the EIS. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock High School facility, 7084 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, Mississippi. The second meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2003 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Slidell City Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell, Louisiana.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are encouraged to take this opportunity to identify specific issues or environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Written comments concerning the EIS can be brought to the meeting or sent to the Navy. Written comments must be postmarked by April 21, 2003, and should be mailed to: Special Warfare Training Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010 (Attn: Mr. Richard A. Davis, Code ES12/RD), telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, e-mail to davisra@efdsouth.navfac.navy.mil.

## Scout Mass at OLG



Father Chris Munsch celebrated a special Scout Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Church to recognize two Cub Scouts that earned their Catholic Religious Award. Our Lady of the Gulf Parish sponsors Boy Scout Troop 381 and Cub Scout Pack 381.

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## Obituaries

**ESTHER BARR**  
**KRISTOPHER BODEN**  
**MANUEL DAILY**  
**ROSE ERICHSEN**  
**HORACE GARCIA**  
**MARGARET E. LEE**  
**EUGENIA HARPER**  
**INA HARRIS**  
**BERNICE POOLSON**  
 (with pic)  
**WILLIAM THOMAS**



**ESTHER BARR**  
 Esther "Ms. Bobbie" L. Barr, 50, died Monday, March 10, 2003, in Gulfport. Mrs. Barr was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Hancock County for the past 20 years. She was the Past Director of Hope Haven. She was the 1st Casa Coordinator for Hancock County. She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Roland Taillac; and four grandchildren, Joshua Joseph Derrick, Jade Roland Derrick, Josiah William Derrick, J'Nea Taillac Derrick. Survivors include two sons, James Barr Jr. and Michael Barr, both of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Tammy Derrick of Colorado, Jannie Killen of Kenner, La., and J'Londa Comeaux of Bay St. Louis; mother, Jeanne T. Del Castillo of Metairie, La.; father, Roberto E. Del Castillo Sr. of Metairie, La.; grandmother, Louise Taillac of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Robby Del Castillo Jr. of Metairie, La. and Eddie Del Castillo Sr. of Kenner, La.; three sisters, Jeanne Eno of Ocean Springs, Giselle Del Castillo of the Panama, Central America and Nicole Del Castillo of the Panama, Central America; five grandchildren, Crissinda Comeaux, Michael Barr II, Maritza Martinez, Kade Taylor, and Destrian Barr. Interment was private. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**KRISTOPHER BODEN**  
 Kristopher William Boden, infant son of Holly

Guzman and William Boden of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of Bay St. Louis. Survivors include his mother and his father.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Kiln. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**MANUEL DAILY**  
 Manuel F. "Junior" Daily, 81, died Monday, March 10, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Daily was a lifelong resident of the Coast. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Air Force during the Korean conflict and Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and DAV. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Amelia Daily; and three sisters, Ethel Story, Alma Koolzerburg and Hazel Latchow.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian N. Daily of Gulfport; a son, Jimmy Daily of San Diego; and a daughter, Amy Janet Daily of Pass Christian.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Biloxi National Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**ROSE ERICHSEN**  
 Rose Erichsen, 93, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**HORACE GARCIA**  
 Horace J. Garcia, 32, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Garcia was a native of Harrison County and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Troy Dale Garcia.

Survivors include his wife, Tami Anne Garcia; a son, Justin J. Garcia; a daughter, Jessica Garcia; his mother, Jane Vaughn; his father, Eugene Garcia; two brothers, Eugene Garcia Jr. and Ray Allen Garcia; and five sisters,

Elizabeth Garcia, Jane Smith, Eugenia Laga, Tiffany Garcia and Barbara Garcia, all of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon today at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services will follow at noon at the funeral home.

**MARGARET E. LEE**  
 Margaret Elodie "Margie" Lee, 65, died Monday, March 10, 2003, in Leetown Community.

Mrs. Lee was a native of Hancock County and was employed as a head cashier. She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Joseph Peterson Jr. and Elodie Margaret Peterson.

Survivors include her husband, Adron A. Lee; two sons, Ricky Eugene Lee and Kenneth Adron Lee; a daughter, Dana Margaret Lee, all of Leetown Community; two brothers, Oscar Joseph Peterson III of Nacaise Crossing and Edmund Peterson of Pass Christian; two sisters, Crystal Hoda of Nacaise Crossing and Marilyn Beard of Long Beach; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Picayune with burial in Leetown Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the Kidney Cancer Society.

**EUGENIA HARPER**  
 Eugenia "Genie" Harper, 93, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Harper was a native of Biloxi and a lifelong resident of the Coast. She was a homemaker and a lifetime member of Fernwood Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Harper; and a son, Robert A. Harper.

Survivors include two sons, Donald D. Harper of Sulphur, La., and Benjamin L. Harper of Gulfport; two daughters, Colleen Dana of Biloxi and Lorene H. Culler of Kentucky; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Biloxi. Burial was in Coalville Cemetery.

**INA HARRIS**  
 Ina Estelle Harris, 79, of Picayune died Sunday, March 9, 2003, in Picayune.

Mrs. Harris was born in Vancleave and had been a

resident of Biloxi for 36 years. She retired from Avon in 1984 after 22 years, serving as district manager for South MS. She was a member of Beauvoir United Methodist Church, Biloxi and served on the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church in Biloxi. She was a member of the Eastern Star (Ann Grayson) Circle of Excellence, Dixie Royal, and MS Golden Retirees Travel Clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy L. Harris Sr., her parents, Albert Allen Ryals and Julia Edwina Breeland Ryals; sisters, Hazel Roberts, Kathryn Morris, Bessie Ferrell, Peggy Stewart and Addys Raines; and a brother, Samuel Ryals.

She is survived by two sons, Roy L. Harris Jr. of Picayune and William L. Harris of Biloxi; three sisters, Bernell Vincent of Ocean Springs, Doris Ladnier and Dorothy Willis, both of Pascagoula; three brothers Eugene Ryals of Vancleave, Charles Ryals of Pascagoula, and Rayford Ryals of Moss Point; and three grandchildren, Shari Harris of Biloxi; Chris Harris and Kelly Harris, both of Bay St. Louis.

Services were held Wednesday at the Pass Road Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi. Burial was held in Vancleave No. 1 Cemetery.



**BERNICE POOLSON**  
 Clare Bernice Creel Poolson, 90, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at her home in Bay St. Louis.

She was a native of New Orleans and moved to Waveland at a very early age. She has been a resident of Bay St. Louis for most of her life. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles B. Poolson Sr.; her parents, Anthony and Barbara Killeen Creel; a sister, Care Creel Ward; two brothers, Frances Creel and Thomas Creel; and one son-in-law, O.J. Mader Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Frances G. Poolson Sr. and wife, Page, of Bay

St. Louis, and Charles B. Poolson Jr. of Kiln; two daughters, Mrs. O.J. (Peanut) Mader Jr. of Metairie, La., and Patricia Pitalo and husband, Anthony Pitalo Jr., of Bay St. Louis; 18 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The procession left Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis Wednesday morning for a mass of Christian burial at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM THOMAS**  
 William Francis Thomas, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Thomas was a native of Trout Creek, Mich., and a resident of Diamondhead. He spent his winters in Mississippi and his summers in Michigan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 119 in Michigan. He was an avid golfer and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Thomas of Diamondhead; two sons, Roger Thomas of Satellite

Beach, Fla., and Robert Thomas of Lawrence, Mich.; a daughter, Fayette Summers of Melbourne, Fla.; two sisters, Rose Bischoff of Tucson, Ariz., and Dorothy Rully of Shallowford, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Outrigger Road, Diamondhead. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to Alzheimer's Foundation of the South Mississippi Division, 4803 Harrison Circle, Gulfport, MS 39507.

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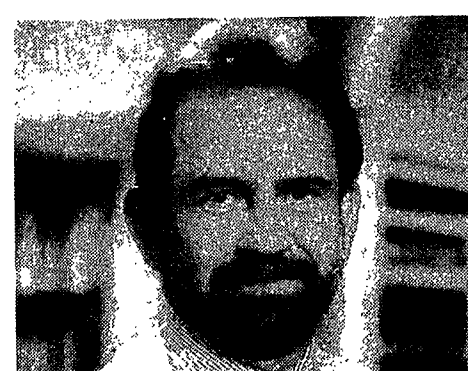
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## Hancock Democratic Executive Committee Fish Fry & Rally

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will host a Fish Fry and Rally to Meet the Candidates on Friday, March 14th, 4:30-8:30PM at the Hancock County Civic Center. The Civic Center is located at 3068 Longfellow Drive in Waveland. The cost per plate is \$6.00 and will

include salad and a side dish.

Beverages can be purchased on site at an additional charge. Take-orders will also be available.

Democratic candidates who have qualified in this

year's statewide and local elections are encouraged to participate in this event as it will give them an opportunity to meet with the locals and county business leaders. This event will also afford the opportunity to

enlist additional pollworkers to work the upcoming August and November, 2003 elections.

For more information, please contact Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350 or Tere Carlin at 228-586-1089.

## Diamondhead Performing Arts to present Nicholas Payton Quintet

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
 Grammy award-winning trumpeter Nicholas Payton, who grew up in Louis Armstrong's hometown of New Orleans and resembles the jazz giant physically as well as musically, is the obvious heir to Satchmo's legacy.

Payton will perform this

Sunday, March 16, at 7 p.m., at the Diamondhead Country Club.

His father, Walter, is a respected bassist and retired school teacher.

He began gigging at the age of eight with his father, eventually playing with All-Star Brass Band, a traditional jazz youth group.

For more information, call Pat or Bill Gudritz at 255-6049.

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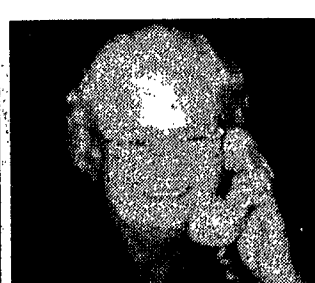
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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Coffee Call to feature economic impact of Stennis Space Center

Community leaders from a two state area will join together to host a Regional Coffee Call in Hancock County at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on Wednesday, March 26 from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Hancock County to showcase our area to community leaders and the media in Mississippi and Louisiana," said John P. Baxter, Vice

President of Hancock Bank and President of the Hancock Chamber.

The event is being hosted by Partners for Stennis and co-sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Coast Chamber, Partners for Pearl River County, the Slidell Chamber and the Jackson County Chamber.

It will feature the new director of Stennis Space Center (SSC) Bill Parsons

and Admiral Thomas Q. Donaldson, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. During the Coffee Call, findings will be released on the economic impact of SSC on the regional economy and the vision for the future.

The cost is \$10 per person. Advance reservations should be made by calling the Hancock Chamber at 228-467-9048.

## Governor's job fair network kicks off 2003 with Mississippi Employment Expo

The Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi will present its first event of 2003 with the Mississippi Employment Expo, Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Trademart Building at the Mississippi Fairgrounds, 1207 Mississippi Street. Admission is free to the public.

"This program services to bring together those seeking employment with companies seeking good, qualified employees. While we continue efforts to attract new businesses, the Governor's Job Fair Network, is an excellent 'tool in the toolbox'

for showcasing what Mississippi has to offer," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

With over 100 employer booths and resources, this will be an excellent opportunity for job seekers. Participants will include Nissan and Nissan suppliers, state agencies, local hospitals, banks and hotels, police departments from Jackson, Clinton and Madison, the United States Department of State, Miskelly Furniture, the U. S. Postal Inspection Service, trucking companies, local colleges, universities and community colleges,

Raytheon Aerospace, Bell South the Mississippi Gaming Commission and many other outstanding employers. Positions available include OTR drivers, production supervisors, engineers, nursing, medical tech, temporary, clerical, light industrial, accounting, IT, and professional.

"The Mississippi Employment Expo committee has worked hard, and we expect to reap the benefits in seeing many of our state's citizens find good jobs," said Joe Buckner, Executive Advisor for Military Transition and Event Director.

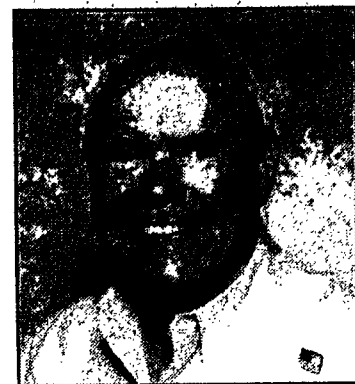
The Governor's Job Fair Network is a partnership under Governor Ronnie Musgrove, the Mississippi Development Authority, and the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Community partners for the Mississippi Employment Expo include the Clarion Ledger, MACE, local senior and community colleges, and Metro area economic development agencies. Events are scheduled in various communities around the state throughout the year. For more information, please visit the website at [www.jobfairs.ms.gov](http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov).

During the 2001-2002 year, the Governor's Job Fair Network presented 12 statewide events with over 525 employers and institutions and 15,000 job seekers. A total of 4,500 job offers were extended on the days of these events.



### New CFO

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino has named Todd Razlano vice president of finance and chief financial officer. His responsibilities include overseeing the fiscal management of Beau Rivage, specifically the safeguarding of assets, maximizing profit potential, controlling staffing, and capital expenditures. Razlano is an experienced professional with extensive knowledge of finance, hotel, and casino operations. He joins Beau Rivage from Casino Magic Bay St. Louis where he has held the positions of finance director, assistant general manager, and most recently general manager. Razlano is also the former audit manager of KPMG Peat Marwick, New Orleans. Razlano is a member of the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Tulane University's A. B. Freeman School of Business.



### Lifetime award

John E. Harris, GRI, has been awarded a Lifetime membership in the Latter & Blum "Top of the Latter Club". Membership in this prestigious club is awarded after having achieved the honor of being in the "Top Of The Latter Club" for ten years. For the year 2002, Harris was one of the top ten agents companywide, having closed over 12 million dollars in sales, and competing with over 900 agents covering the areas of Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is affiliated with the Latter & Blum office in Bay St. Louis, which covers the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. He has been a Life Member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Top Producer Round Table since 1992, and was the #3 producer for 2002 in the entire MLS area covering the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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## Contract crews working in Coast Electric's service area

Coast Electric Power Association has contracted with Baker Engineering to perform a pole inventory assessment. Their employees are currently working in Diamondhead conducting the assessment. They will remain there for approximately 3 weeks, or until the assessment is complete in that area.

Baker Engineering employees will be in Coast Electric-marked vehicles and can provide appropriate identification upon request. Any questions regarding contract work in your area

should be directed to Melody White, GIS Supervisor, at 463-7205 or Brian Scarborough, GIS Specialist, at 463-7348.

Baker Engineering began work in January of 2003 and has been contracted for a minimum of 12 months, or until a complete pole inventory is obtained throughout Coast Electric's entire service territory. The inventory is an important reliability tool that will help maintain and enhance Coast Electric's status as a state-of-the-art electric cooperative.

## O'Reilly Auto Parts opens in Waveland

O'Reilly Auto Parts, one of the nation's foremost auto parts retailers, has opened a new store at 461 Highway 90, Waveland. Grand opening festivities run now through March 22.

The new store offers a guarantee that, if you find a lower price on the same item, they will match it.

O'Reilly has ASE trained parts specialists. They turn

drums, rotors, and flywheels, and in some locations, build hydraulic hoses. They also offer free recycling of motor oil, gear oil, transmission fluids and batteries.

Store hours are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-8p.m., Saturday 8a.m.-9p.m. and Sunday 9a.m.-6p.m. The phone number is 228-463-0981.

## Breaux named state's Cattlemen of the Year

The Mississippi Cattlemen's Association has selected Louis Breaux as 2002 Commercial Cattlemen of the Year.

Breaux were recognized recently at the Association's 56th Annual Convention for outstanding management of his commercial cattle operation.

The Hancock County herd is maintained on a well-managed forage program with carefully planned rotational grazing. Gelbvieh bulls for the cross-breeding operation are produced in the farm's purebred herd and calves are grown out on ryegrass pastures.

Breaux, with over forty years experience in the cattle business, has grown his operation to 425 cows along with the winter stockering operation.

The Breaux family maintains an extensive record-

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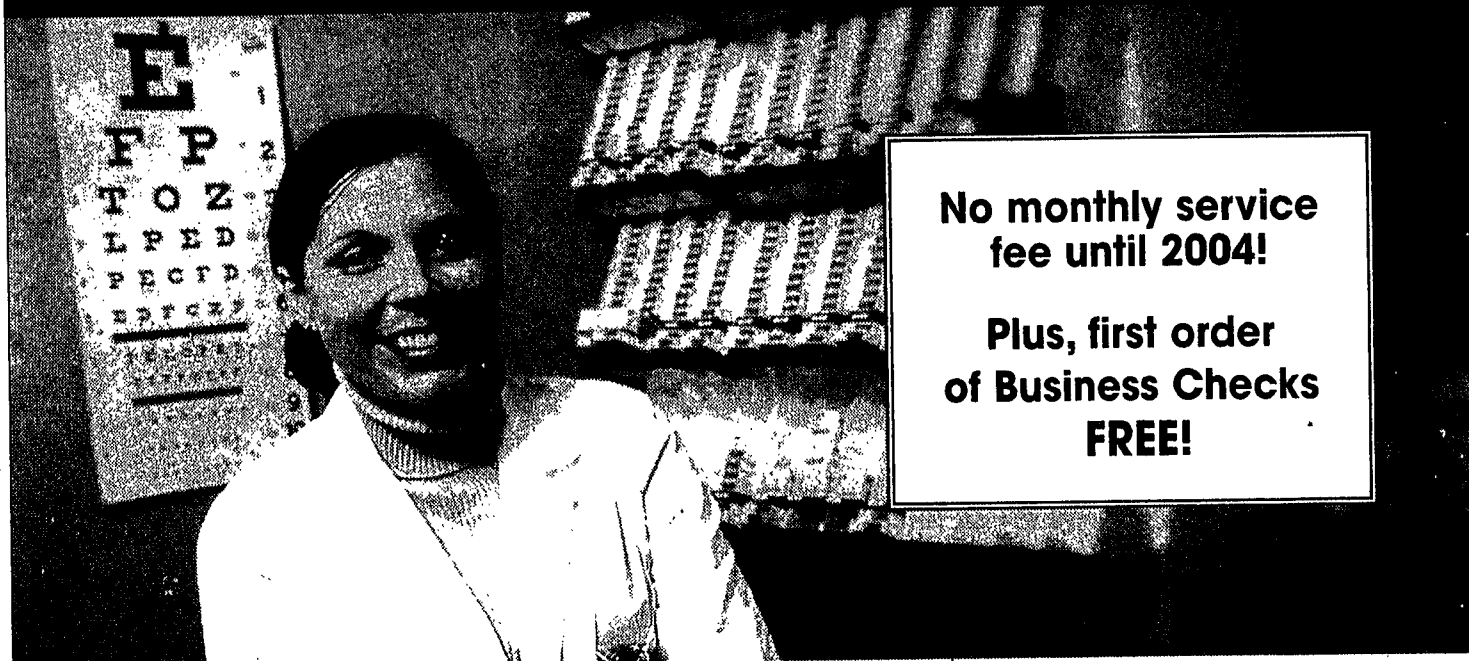
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# Eight Compete for 2004 Hancock County Junior Miss

## THE SEA COAST ECHO

Eight high school juniors from Hancock County will participate in the 2004 Hancock County Junior Miss Program this Saturday, March 15.

The program will be held at the Hancock High School Commons at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$5.00. Please come out and support the girls and enjoy the entertainment. Each girl's talent routine will offer a variety of entertainment. The Hancock North Central Elementary Chorus and dancers from Arabesque Dance Studio will perform also. Contestants include four young ladies from Hancock High School:

Misty Hariel is the daughter of Scott Hariel of Poplarville and Lucinda Hariel of Necaise Crossing.

Kesha Saucier is the daughter of Earl and Charlotte Saucier of the Dedaux Community.

Joelle Kiefer resides in the Diamondhead Community with her parents, William and Mickey Kiefer.

Shalane Prestenbach's parents are Rhoda Fontenot and Chester Prestenbach, Jr. They reside in the Kiln

## Community.

Two contestants live in Bay St. Louis and attend Bay High School.

Heather Ladner is the daughter of Jimmie and Cheryl Ladner.

Amy Rae Acosta Clark's parents are Ray and Cheri Clark.

Tiffany Longo attends Our Lady Academy. She is the daughter of Mayor Tommy Longo of Waveland and Christina Longo of Bay St. Louis.

Ashley Flynt resides in the Diamondhead Community with her parents Joe and Catherine Flynt. She attends St. John High School.

The national presenting sponsor of America's Junior Miss is Health South. Other sponsors include Coca-Cola, Bally Total Fitness, uppedaisees loungewear, Thermasilk and Tyson Foods.

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Joelle Kiefer



Heather Ladner



Amy Clark



Tiffany Longo



Ashley Flynt

National Finals will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on June 25, 26 & 28. The finals will be broadcast on

PAX television.

For more information on America's Junior Miss, visit the AJM Web Site at

www.ajm.org.

Any business or individuals who wish to contribute to the scholarship fund for

these deserving girls may call Sandy Garriga at 601-798-0894 or Beth Seymour at 228-255-8086.

## Clothing volunteers prepare for basic training classes in April

### BY MARILYN BAILEY Area Extension Agent Leadership Development

What is a Master Clothing Volunteer (MCV)? It is a person who is experienced in sewing that has completed advanced training and in turn, shares his/her skills and knowledge with others. The Master Clothing Volunteer Program is another outlet for extending the education of the Mississippi State University Extension Service into your local communities.

What else can a Master Clothing Volunteer do besides sewing? Clothing is the focal point of MCV, yet being a volunteer encompasses much more than teaching sewing classes. Currently there are over 100 MCV members throughout the state. During the year members

receive updates on consumer economics and sewing information. Becoming a member of a working team provides a valuable service to the people of the community. Other benefits to Master Clothing Volunteers include gaining work experience, developing skills in teaching adults and/or youth and working effectively with groups. One of the greatest rewards of the program is the development of leadership skills. MCV members gain confidence and experience success throughout all facets of the program.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Clothing Volunteer, the Basic Volunteer Training is planned for the spring and summer of this year. If you are accepted, registration fee is \$50.00. Participants will receive thirty hours of training through a combina-

tion of lecture, demonstrations, discussion and hands-on experience. Topics cover teaching techniques, program planning and implementation, resource development, sewing techniques, current products and resources. MSU Extension Service Agents and MCV members will conduct the training.

There are two training sessions scheduled in southeast Mississippi. The first session will be held the four Mondays in April: April 7, 14, 21, and 28. The training will be held in Hattiesburg at the Forrest County Extension Office for anyone

located in the southern region of the state. There will be a second session set for June 2, 16, 30, and July 14.

This series of training will be held in Meridian at the Lauderdale County Extension Office for the volunteers located in the east Central and northern areas of Southeast Mississippi.

Upon completion of the training, each Master Clothing Volunteer will receive a certificate. The MCV will provide 40 hours payback of educational service in clothing construction to the community within one year of the training.

Upon completion of their payback \$15.00 will be returned to each Certified Master Clothing Volunteer. This service is not limited to sewing classes. It may include events such as judging youth fashion revues or presenting clothing exhibits.

Yes, MCV members are doing more than sewing. When they are teaching sewing, they are also teaching other valuable life skills. Who knows, with the Master Clothing Volunteers active in your community, you may see some new entrepreneurs developing.

How does one apply? Call

or go by your local county office of the Mississippi State University Extension Service and ask for the Master Clothing Volunteer application form. Questions? Contact Marilyn Bailey, Area Leadership Development Agent, at 228-467-5456, Susan Cosgrove, Area Family Resource Management Agent at 601-635-2268, or contact your county extension office for more information. Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.

## American Legion Post 77 to offer corned beef & cabbage

Bourgeois-Stieffel-Ray American Legion Auxiliary 77 of Waveland will hold its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Celebration on Saturday, March 15th from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Post home on Coleman Avenue.

This is a major fundraiser for Unit 77, and monies received from this function benefit the community in many ways - aiding veterans, children and youth,

scholarship awards, senior citizens, and various local charities, including the Food Pantry.

Dinners, including the Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Stew, are \$5.00 each. Hot dogs and chili and homemade desserts will also be available for eat-in or take-out.

Please come and enjoy fabulous food and the fun of the St. Patrick's Day Parade that begins at 2 p.m.

## Ladies Auxiliary to host St. Patrick's Day dance

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Kiln Memorial VFW Post 6285 Ladies Auxiliary will host a St. Patrick's Day Dance and Fund-raiser on Saturday, March 15th, 8:00-12:00 Midnight at the Kiln Post Hall. Local favorite, Bill Lee will provide entertainment. Cost per person will be \$5.

In addition to the dance, a spaghetti plate dinner will also be served for an additional \$3. This dance begins a series of fund-raisers scheduled in 2003 for the Ladies Auxiliary. Money raised at these fund-raisers will support the ladies efforts in the community for veterans and their families.

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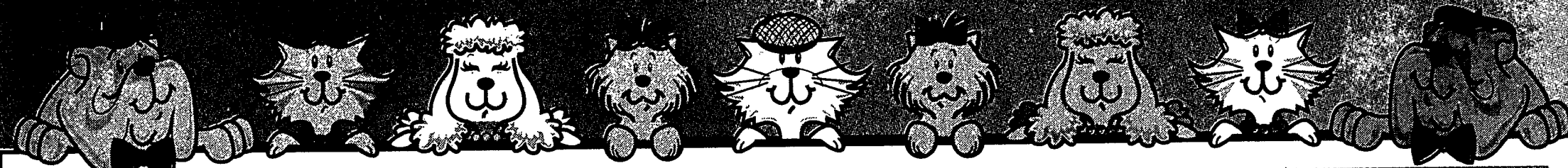
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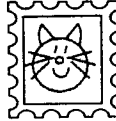
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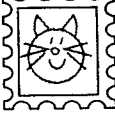
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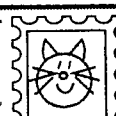
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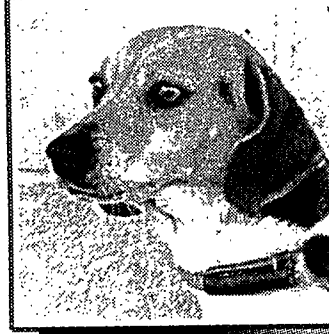
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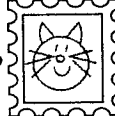
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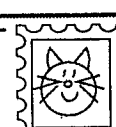
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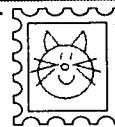
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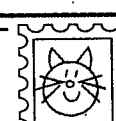
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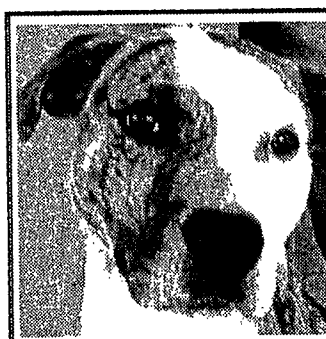
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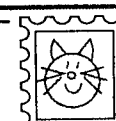
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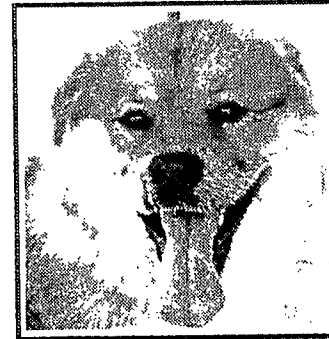
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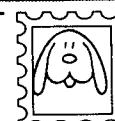
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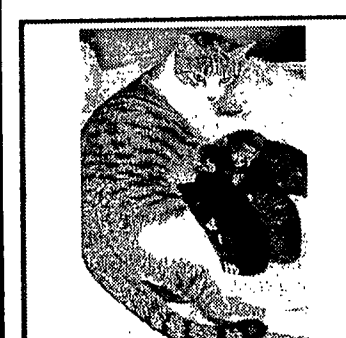
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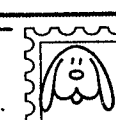
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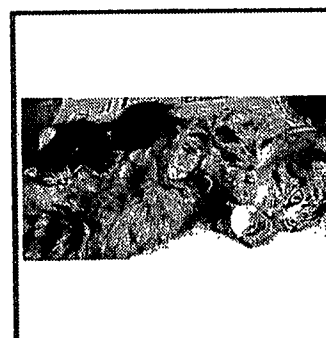
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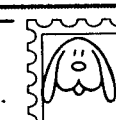
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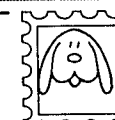
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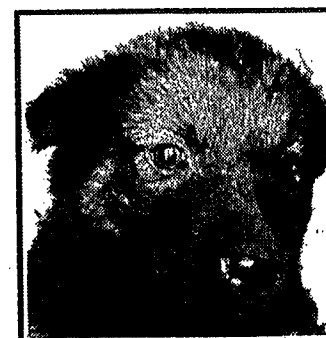
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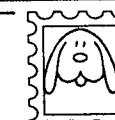
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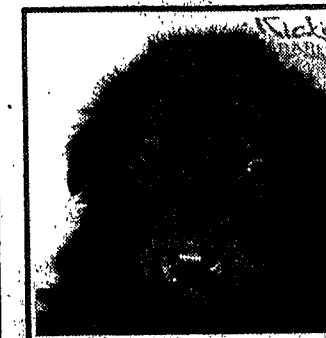
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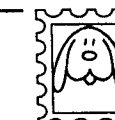
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# Waveland ready for WCA St. Patrick's Parade

## THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mardi Gras may be over, but the Waveland Civic Association is making sure the fun isn't.

The WCA will sponsor its annual St. Patrick's parade this Saturday, March 15, beginning at 2 p.m.

Application forms are still available for anyone who would like to participate.

All entrants must fill out an application. Applications must be received by the Waveland Civic Association by the March 13 deadline.

There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded in all categories. Categories include family floats, organization/business floats, bands and marching groups.

In addition, all floats will be judged and awarded trophies for most original, overall, best show, best costume and honorable mention.

The entry fee for family floats is \$40 and organization/business floats \$75.

For an application or additional information contact Jay Fountain at 467-2198.

The WCA has also selected its colleen and grand marshal for the event.

## Heather Burge, Colleen

Heather, 16, is an honor roll student in the eleventh grade at Bay High School. She is a recipient of the Who's Who Award, the U.S. National Mathematics



The Waveland Civic Association's colleen, Heather Burge, and grand marshal Jerry West.

Award, All American Scholar Award, National Leadership and Service Award, and she was selected to attend the Congressional Student Leadership Conference.

The student body elected her as 9th, 10, and 11th grade class representative

for Student Council. She has been a member of the Interact Club for three years and was elected event coordinator and vice-president for the club. She has also served as vice-president and president of the Spanish Club, and has been a member of SADD.

Heather has played volleyball four years, softball two years, soccer one year and was part of the basketball team for two years.

She is a volunteer with the American Red Cross, where she assists at blood drives and during disasters. She is also a mentor with

the Big Tiger/Little Tiger program.

He has also volunteered for the Special Olympics, Gates to Success, and the annual beach cleanup.

This is her third year to be selected for the Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Ball. Heather is the daughter of Douglas and Bertina Burge; and the granddaughter of Roland Necaise, Bert Necaise and Anna Mae Warfel, all of Bay St. Louis; and the late Melvin Burge.

"I am very proud of my Irish heritage," Heather said, "and to be representing all Irish-Americans for this special occasion. 'My family has a very long history of participating in the Waveland Civic Association St. Patrick's festivities, and I'm honored to carry on this family tradition."

## Jerry West, grand marshal

If you're reading this article, you're probably already familiar with him and the degree to which he's active in the Bay-Waveland community.

As his sister says, "After all, you can't go to Wal-Mart when Jerry is working without being greeted and asked about your family, and - if you're lucky - how your truck is running."

An abridged list of the many activities Jerry is involved in: He's a member of the WCA, the Knights of Columbus and the Sons of the American Legion; he volunteers annually for the OLG Crab Fest, OLA International Food Fest, the WCA fishing rodeo and

haunted house, the Wal-Mart haunted house and serves as Santa Claus for the South Mississippi Regional Center in Long Beach each Christmas.

He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 210, and third- and fourth degree Knight, chairman of the Tootsie Roll drive for the Knights of Columbus and an usher for St. Clare Catholic Church.

Jerry has been employed with Wal-Mart for the past five years. He attended St. Clare Elementary, Hancock High School and the Jackson County Community College Independent Living Program.

If you speak to Jerry, he'll likely tell you he's a "red-neck and proud of it."

Nothing pleases him more than a Harley-Davidson t-shirt and a rebel flag bumper sticker. Mixed with his stars and bars dream is some green Irish blood, however - his grandparents, Catherine McQueeney and Edward Sweeney, were first generation Irish in the Washington, D.C. area.

Leprechauns are known for their pots of gold and magical tasks, and Jerry, in more ways than one, is a miracle and blessing to his family and to the community. In his family, he's the leprechaun that says "we'll make it" when everyone else is discouraged. And his role is similar in the community - he's the local leprechaun that dreams and keeps people smiling; the pot of gold at the end of Waveland's pier; the Irishman with the rebel flag bumper sticker.

# Krewe of Blarney plans 'Halfast' parade

## THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub will provide a "family-oriented strut to music for all who wish to wear the Green in the only Gulf Coast 'walkin' parade" this Sunday in Pass Christian.

Everyone gets a chance to participate in the Klub's 9th annual St. Patrick's parade, which kicks off on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Grand marshal for the event is Mike Reader, WLOX meteorologist. The colleen is Camille Covington. The parade begins at Palace in the Pass at Fleitas Ave. and Scenic Drive; marches down Scenic to Miramar Nursing Lodge; to Second Street east to Market Ave.; and disbands at Tigre's Restaurant.

Round up will be at Memorial park on Scenic Drive and Fleitas.

Toasting stops will be made at Russell's Shell Station, the Pass Christian Historical Society, Pass City Hall, reviewing stands and at Miramar Nursing Lodge.

The parade ends up at Tigre's for the annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Rally and cash bar.

Bands and walking groups will march in front, followed by "Rooney's Dooney's Parade of Decorated Golf Carts," and "Dawley's Fire Brigade of Vintage Fire Trucks."

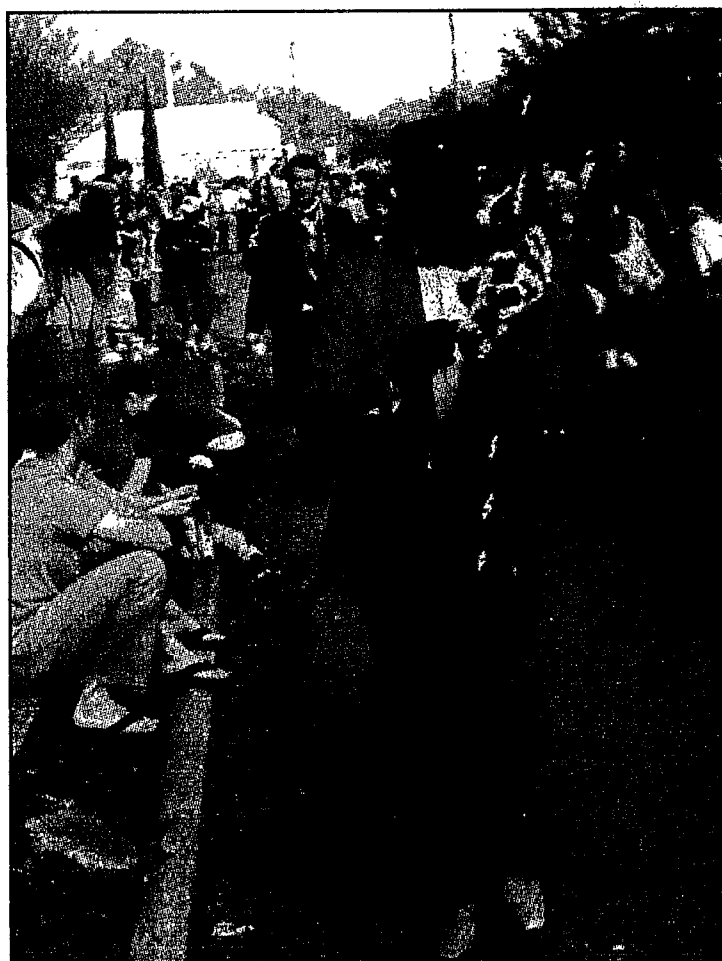
The Special Olympics Kids will join in the parade at city hall, and the "old folks" will be hugged and blessed at the Miramar Nursing Lodge.

All Irish and Wannabe Irish dressed in green can join in the parade.

Mayors, public officials and businessmen of the cities of Pass Christian and Long Beach, along with past grand marshals and the Krewe of Blarney Kaptains form the core of the Klub's VIP group.

Historically, the parade commemorates the first St. Paddy's Day Parade which was formed in 1969, when the floats marshaled at the Pass and proceeded down Second St. following the railroad to Jeff Davis in Long Beach and returned on Hwy. 90 back to the Pass.

The present-day parade was reinstated in 1995, with the frivolity of a family-structured hometown atmosphere with VIPs and



Scene from last year's Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub St. Patrick's Parade.

contingent clans doing their "Walkin' and Struttin'" for good of St. Pat.

Parade captain is Gulf Coast author and historian Dan Ellis.

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# Dublin Street Band at Mallini's

## THE SEA COAST ECHO

Take a trip back to the old country this St. Patrick's Day as a group of rogue musicians known as the Dublin Street Band help transform Mallini's Point Lounge in Pass Christian into a lively Irish Pub beginning at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

On the day where green prevails and all nationalities can take advantage of the "Kiss Me I'm Irish" perk, the popular Dublin Street Band will celebrate its 10th year of "St. Patrick's Day" performances on the Coast. Led by guitarist and lead singer, Matt Barrett, the group plays an array of authentic Irish ballads and folk songs - most of which encourage Irish revelry and audience participation.

"Once we start playing those songs, the atmosphere is like an Irish pub," says Barrett. "One of our band members went to Ireland a couple years ago, and he knew all the songs they



The Dublin Street Band

were playing in the pub. It really surprised the locals."

The band originated from casual get-togethers with friends and quickly developed into an annual act that has grown in popularity each year. In addition to Barrett, band members include Andrew Barrett, Tyrell Bertinot, David Bosley, Mike Masino, Matt McKiernan, and Don Watson.

Most of the band member

have been with the group since its inception, so it doesn't take them long to brush up on the material for the special holiday performance. Each year, new songs added and more people show up to revel and pay tribute to Ireland's patron saint. Don't miss the 2003 performance at Mallini's, where Irish eyes will certainly be smiling when the Dublin Street Band hits the stage at 8:30 p.m.

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## Phlox lovers consider David for super color



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**SOUTHERN GARDENING**  
BY NORMAN WINTER  
MSU Horticulturist  
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Since gardening season is almost here, I feel compelled to remind you of a wonderful and honored plant that you might not have tried: the perennial phlox known as David.

The summer phlox is one of the South's best-loved plants, especially the old-fashioned magenta-colored selection, and David may be its perfect partner. David is an erect perennial standing 36 to 40 inches tall.

The glossy leaves are thin with bristly hairs on the margins. The pristine white, fragrant flower panicles are 6 to 9 inches long and 6 to 8 inches wide. David has a long bloom period during the summer and performs well in hardiness zones 4 to 9. One of its most outstanding attributes is its resistance to powdery mildew.

David is an offspring of the native Phlox paniculata plants rescued and preserved in the 1980s by volunteers at the Brandywine Conservancy near Philadelphia, Pa.

David can be propagated easily by taking root cuttings, stem cuttings or divisions. Clump division simply requires the separation of crowns within a clump. Division is done in spring or early fall. Three to five crowns per division are sufficient for a one-gallon container. Root cuttings are best done after dormancy in the fall.

David is an outstanding cultivar and was selected as the perennial plant of the year in 2002. In the South, it performs best in moist, well-drained beds located with morning sun and afternoon shade. Be sure and add a good layer of mulch after planting.

Remove old blossoms from the plant to maintain vigor, prolong bloom and prevent self-seeding. Deadheaded plants will flourish into early fall. Divide plants every two to three years to maintain vigor.

Although David is fairly resistant to powdery mildew, proper culture will further aid in mildew prevention. Thin plants to four to six stems to increase air circulation and to prevent a heavy mass of stems. Water phlox at the base of the plant and not on the foliage.

Phlox paniculata is known as garden phlox, summer phlox or perennial phlox. It is a delight to all gardeners because it has a long bloom season.

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## Angels ON TRACK



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Two families cope with childrens' deaths

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Sean Patrick Finegan, Cecile Bilbo and Joe Winningham were happy, active young people, cherished by their families, looking forward to starting school and enjoying what remained of the summer. There were big plans for the bright futures that their families saw for them.

But, in one brief moment all those plans were over when the car they were riding in was struck by a train at the Webb Street crossing in Bay St. Louis. All three were killed when the car was pushed 1,700 feet down the rail tracks after the front wheel of the vehicle became stuck on the faulty crossing at that location.

That Saturday afternoon in August of 1999 was like many during the summer. The two siblings, Cecile, 21, and Sean, 12, and Sean's best friend Joe, also 12, had spent the afternoon swimming at the Waveland home of Richard Finegan (Sean's father and Cecile's step-father). They were driving Joe home, just a short distance away, when the tire of the car became entangled in the tracks and bottomed out

the car, said Finegan. They were unable to get off the tracks before the car was broadsided.

The crossing at Webb Street remains almost exactly as it was that day.

"At the time of the accident there was an overgrowth of vegetation and the line of sight was poor," said Finegan. "A couple of days later a crew came out and cut that down, and they did some paving on Webb Street but the crossing is just the same as it was when they lost their lives."

It is not unusual for vehicles to become stuck at the crossing, Finegan said, and a neighbor in the area said he had helped many people jack up their cars and pull them off the track.

Family and friends formed a tight circle to help one another survive the unimaginable loss. The large family circle, Finegan, Carmen and Benny Starita of Bay St. Louis (Sean and Cecile's mother and other step-father); Otis Bilbo of Kiln (Carmen's birth father); Melinda and Barry Thomas (Joe's mother and step-father); and Joe Bilbo of Kiln (Joe's birth father), always close, Finegan said, were drawn together by their grief.

"Without this," he said, "I don't think I could have gone on living."

The boys loved all the things most boys love, said Finegan, fishing, boating, baseball, and holding wrestling matches on the trampoline out back. Cecile loved music and was attending college. They were kids that always had a smile on their faces, he said. All three children are buried next to one another, inseparable friends.

"Our lives were changed forever that day," Finegan said. "When something like this happens all the things you lived for are gone ... watching your child grow up, get married, grandchildren... but most of us believe there is a purpose in keeping the memory alive and in cherishing the time we had with them."

Finegan said he does not hold any animosity against the engineer driving the train that day.

"I'm sure that it must be terrifying to know that you are going to hit someone and be unable to do anything to stop it," he said.

The families were never contacted by CSX, part of policy, Finegan said he assumed.

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Sean Finegan, left, and his best friend Joe Winningham. The two twelve year olds loved boating and fishing and most other things boys like. They, and Sean's sister Cecile Bilbo, 21, were killed at the Webb St. train crossing in Bay St. Louis in August of 1999. The crossing has never been upgraded.



Cecile Bilbo and Sean Finegan of Waveland. They were killed with friend Joe Winningham when a train broadsided their car at the Webb St. crossing in Bay St. Louis. The Angels on Track Foundation offers comfort and education for families who have experienced this kind of tragedy.

Photos courtesy of Richard Finegan

## 1983 - Waveland musicians, horse in cowboy movie

### TEN YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1993 - Hancock County Concerned Citizens Association announced plans Tuesday for the renovation of the former county welfare building into a youth center. Representatives of the association, and in particular Bay St. Louis resident Geraldine Lang, advocated use of the Ncaise Avenue building for the benefit of Hancock youth. During Monday's board meeting of the board of supervisors, Lang requested use of the building for the establishment of a center. Board members instructed Chancery Clerk E. Michael

### Back in Time



Ncaise to walk through the deteriorated building with Lang and determine the available space.

Citizens disagreed on Bayou Caddy Casino's proposal to fill wetlands at a Monday night public meet-

ing. The corporation proposes filling two acres of wetlands and 70 feet of a tidal mosquito ditch for casino parking at Bayou Caddy. About 50 people attended the hearing, sponsored by the Bureau of Marine Resources at the county courthouse.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1983 - Milton Travis, a Waveland songwriter and singer, has been signed for a role in Roger Harrison's new movie, "The Singing Cowboy." Travis got his role in the new movie which begins shooting in Old Tucson, Ariz. March 15, by watching an interview of Harrison on

WWL-TV's PM Magazine. "I called the TV station and they put me in touch with Harrison. He let me audition, and after I played and sang some songs for him, he gave me a speaking part which involves some six different scenes." Travis will be playing the role of Ray Davis, and singing the title song in the movie. The irony is that Travis' horse "Golden Nugget," will have a bigger role than he will. His horse will be ridden by actor Paul Williams, who plays the role of Scrubby Oaks.

In spite of an automobile accident which totaled their car prior to performance, Bay St. Louis Little Theatre thespians won

first place in statewide competition for the second consecutive time. Mike Cuevas of the Bay's theatre group, Tuesday reported the local organization will represent the state in regional competition.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 1963 - The call to preserve the Hancock County Courthouse before it's gone became at least as loud as that to preserve New York's famed Carnegie Hall after it's gone when the Bay St. Louis Jaycees sponsored a fairly well attended public meeting Monday night on the future of the county's heartbeat.

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## SPORTS

## Lady Tigers, Lady Hawks, Rocks all end season in Big House

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The 2003 basketball season was an exciting one, to say the least, in Hancock County. The county had three teams advancing to the state tournament in the "Big House" in Jackson. Three different South State championships were held in the county while three different teams garnered division titles in their respective classes.

The talk of the town has to be the Bay High Lady Tigers who claimed the girls Class 4A state title with a 67-63 win over the Canton Lady Tigers on Thursday, March 6 in Jackson.

It was the third attempt at the gold ball for the Lady Tigers under Debbie Triplett. And, the third time proved to be the charm. The team was led by All-State tournament mem-

bers Stephanie Reed, Carmen Labat, and Kendra Reed. LaMonica James and Felicia Thomas played tremendous basketball down the stretch for Bay High. While the Lady Tigers lose Stephanie Reed, James, and Labat, there are others waiting to step into the void such as Destiny Porter, Crystal Skretching and many more.

The Lady Tigers set a school record for most wins in a season with 35 victories against just one loss. The team finished the 2003 season ranked #1 in South Mississippi and #1 in the state. Also, the Lady Tigers were the only Coast team to win a state championship in basketball.

The gold ball was the first state championship for Bay High in any sport. The trophy will be put on display in the trophy case at

the entrance of the Wilmer E. Seymour Gymnasium next to the retired jersey of one of the greatest basketball players in Hancock County - Mike Necaise.

The state championship is the culmination of hard work set in motion back in 1994 when the Lady Tigers went 0-28 in Triplett's first year. Since then, no Lady Tiger team has finished below .500 for the season and they have eight straight 20-win seasons. Is more on the way? We certainly hope so.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws fought their way back to the state tournament in Jackson this season behind a seasoned back court and a physical front court. The Rocks ended the season 31-6 which tied a record for most wins in a season and ranked #10 statewide.

The Rocks were led by guards Gabe Willis and Darius Acker, forwards Sam Tart, Rob Murray, Ben Benvenuti, and Mario Faranda and center Brett Amond. Throughout the entire season, the Rocks remained ranked in the top ten in Mississippi reaching as high as #3 at one point.

The Rocks won their division in thrilling fashion over the Pass Christian Pirates after dropping two consecutive games to Pass High and Gautier during the regular season. It was the first time in three seasons that the Rocks had dropped two consecutive games.

SSC hosted the boys Class 4A South State tournament and finished second to Picayune who will be making the move to Class 5A next season. In the state tournament, the Rocks faced the Oxford Chargers -

a team that they faced in the opening round the year before. After disposing of Oxford in overtime, the Rocks faced the top ranked Lanier Bulldogs who also carried a #17 national ranking.

While SSC dropped the contest with Lanier, they proved that Lanier was beatable. The Rocks were playing before 5,500 fans and came out tight which led to an early Lanier momentum swing that was too much to overcome. Lanier ended up losing the state title game to the Province Rams by a basket 64-62 the following Thursday.

SSC loses a key cog in Gabe Willis and center Brett Amond. Other seniors that will be sorely missed are Sam Tart, Ben Benvenuti, and Zack Mellen. Taylor Handshoe

and Chad Allee also will be graduating in the spring. Some new faces that received valuable minutes for the Rocks are Jay Spell, Grady Wyly, Zach Delaney, Ramsey Shawa, and Philman Ladner among many others. The returning starters for SSC are Darius Acker, Mario Faranda, and Rob Murray. Robert Ray Smith, a starter in 2002, was injured during 2003 after tearing his ACL in football. He plans to make a return to the team in 2004. Could a third consecutive trip to the state tournament be in the Rocks future? It is possible with what the Rocks have returning and Jay Ladner guiding them from the bench.

The Hancock Lady Hawks had a year that mirrored 2002 at the end. After

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## Spotlight On Dining 2003

## Sicily's Ultimate Italian Buffet

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Salad and pizza are not the only items available on the buffet, there is surely something to please every member of your family. You can choose from pasta dishes, lasagna, heart healthy baked chicken, various vegetables, rice dishes, soups and gumbo. (The gumbo is truly delicious and my personal favorite). Everything is seasoned by hand. Nothing is purchased already prepared. Even the salad dressings are hand made.

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On Tuesdays, kids 10 & under eat absolutely free with a paying adult. Wednesdays are senior citizen day and on Fridays, the Seafood Buffet is available. Remember everything on Sicily's buffet is available for carryout or order from the a la carte menu.

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Pictured: Manager, Lee McCoy with some members of the Sicily's Team

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# SPORTS

## Pass' Allen fans 17 batters in win over SSC

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Pirates received a dominating pitching performance from junior left-hander Dustin Allen in an 8-0 shutout win over division rival St. Stanislaus on Tuesday at the Brother Phillip Memorial Athletic Complex.

Allen fanned 17 SSC batters and allowed just two hits in a complete game performance.

SSC, on the other hand, committed seven errors in the game that had just one earned run scored.

Pass Christian jumped out on the Rocks 3-0 in top of the first inning with Allen and Lane Jenkins each ripping doubles.

SSC got a solid performance in the middle innings from pitcher Tim Kulikowski. He pitched his way out of a bases loaded jam in the second inning with three strikeouts.

Kulikowski tallied three more K's in the top of the third inning and another in the fourth inning to finish with seven K's.

SSC (1-7) committed three errors and allowed two hits in the top of the

fifth inning that allowed the Pirates to double their lead to 6-0. Jacob Welch led the inning off with a single to centerfield and Matt Scarborough added an RBI single to rightfield later in the inning.

The Pirates added a run in each of the next two innings to make the final tally. Scarborough tallied his second RBI single of the game in the sixth and Allen helped himself out with a triple in the seventh. Allen scored when Jenkins sacrificed him home.

Twice, the Rocks had the bases loaded and Allen

pitched himself out of the jam. In the bottom of the sixth inning, SSC loaded the bases after an error, infield single and a walk put runners on all bases. Two strikeouts allowed Allen to get back to the dugout still intact.

In the bottom of the seventh, Dillon Drake recorded the Rocks second hit of the game and two walks loaded the bases once again for SSC. Three consecutive strikeouts gave Allen the shutout win. Tyler Henry tallied SSC's other hit with a single to leftfield in the fourth inning.

## Season

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winning their 5A division title, the Lady Hawks hosted the 5A girls south state tournament. Hancock was defeated by Wayne County for the South State title and the #1-seed in the state tournament which was the same outcome as in 2002. Also, Hancock suffered a first-round defeat to Jackson Murrah who eventually won the Class 5A girls state title. That, too, was a repeat of 2002.

Hancock posted a 25-6 record in 2003 and finished the season ranked #6 in the state. The Lady Hawks lose a true leader on the court in Memphis signee Devin Necaise.

The four-year starter provided more intangibles to Hancock than she did tangibles. Also departing the Hancock ranks will be Rachel Necaise, Letisha Shiyou and Kayla Stephenson.

However, the Lady Hawks will return All-American Brooke Necaise for her senior campaign, as well as, Courtney Craft, Ashley Boehnel, and Amanda Arcement among many others that will vie for starting time.

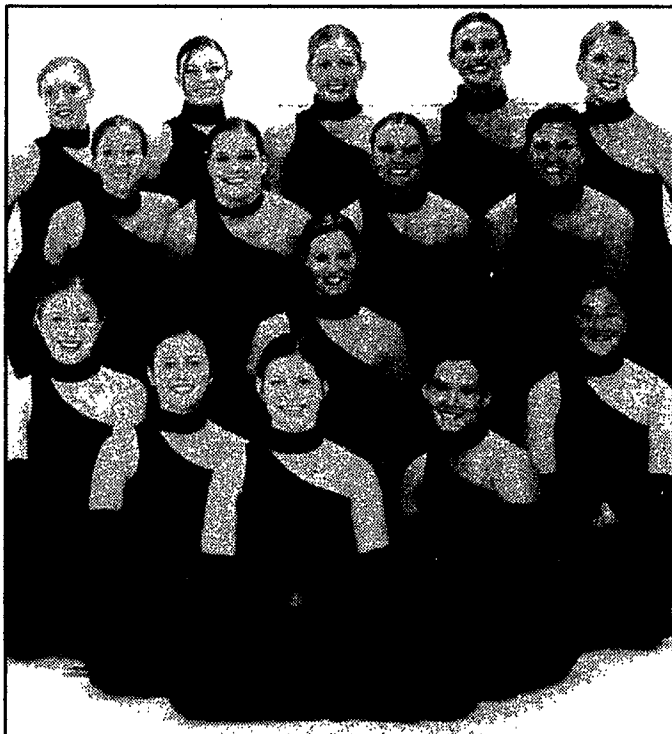
Another area team that made huge waves in 2003

was the Pirates of Pass Christian. The boys team finished with a 22-win season and a trip to the south state tournament. The play of Division 8 MVP Garland Stewart down the stretch was vital to the Pirates success. Other key players in the Pirate machine were Billy Crawford, Rueben Nichols, Chad Musgrove, Maurice Hardnett. The Pirates will lose some key parts to their machine but many young players are eager to hit the court for veteran coach Buddy Kennedy in 2003.

The future is bright in Kiln country for the Lady Hawks program, as is the possibility for a return trip to the Big House.

With the continued success of these three fantastic teams and the improvement of the boys programs at Hancock and Bay High, the Lady Pirates of Pass Christian, and the Crescents of OLA, Hancock County will continue to dominate high school basketball circles in 2004. Congratulations to Bay High, Hancock, Pass High and SSC on their outstanding seasons in 2003. Looking forward to the start of 2004!

## PRCC's String of Pearls

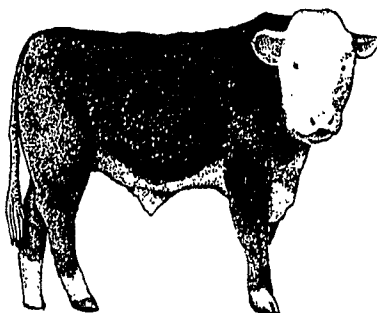


Pearl River Community College's 2003 Spring Semester String of Pearls dance team recently won the American All-Star State College Division championship. The String of Pearls are under the direction of Archie Rawls, Fine Arts chairman at PRCC, and Kara Fleming, coach and choreographer. Members of the team include from left: Front row - Jessica Melville of Bay St. Louis, Leslie Lee of Picayune, Candace Mooney of Carriere, Lindsey Frierson of Carriere and Lauren Hillery of Picayune. Second row - Mandi Splers of Carriere, Jennifer Patterson of Waveland, Leslie Williams of Poplarville, Summer Smith of Picayune and Lindsey Miller of Carriere. Back row - Jodi Tate of Picayune, Corbett Sheffield of Diamondhead, Elisabeth Baylis of Petal, Mandi Landry of Picayune and Danielle Wheat of Picayune, team captain.

## Bay High tennis Schedule 2003

March 13	Hancock	Home	4:10
17	Pass Christian*	Home	4:00
19	D'Iberville*	Away	4:30
25	Vanceave*	Home	4:30
27	East Central*	Away	4:30
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1	Picayune	Home	4:30
3	Gautier*	Away	4:30
8	SSC/OLA*	Away	4:00
10	District Tourn. @ D'Iberville		
15	Moss Point	Home	4:30
28-29	State Tourn. @ Jackson		
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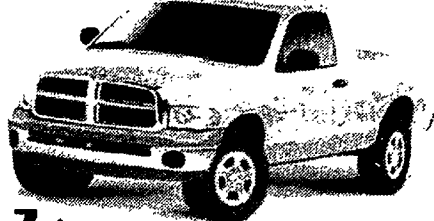
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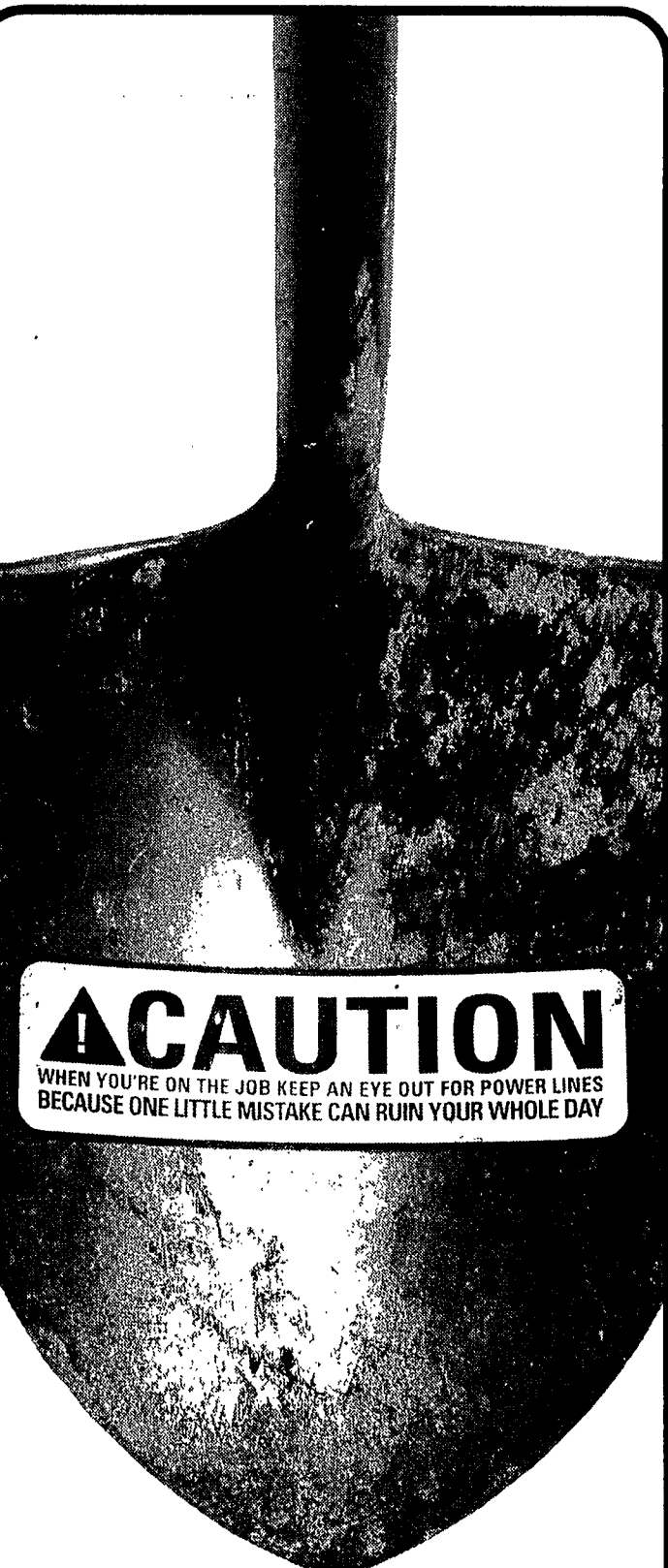
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## Annual Scout Show planned March 22

The Pine Burr Area Council, Boy Scouts of America will host its annual Scout Show on March 22 from 11-4 p.m. at the Harrison County Sheriff's Farm in Lyman.

This event is the largest of its kind in the state. There will be over 5,000 scouts and spectators attending this day-long exposition on scouting. There will be over 200 scout packs, troops, and Explorer Posts and Venture Crews from the local 17-county service area participating in the Scout Show. In all, there will be over 400 scout groups participating.

Scouts and leaders will have activities and demonstrations on hundreds of different topics.

Scouts and spectators will be able to participate in activities ranging from climbing a rock wall, running obstacle courses, demonstrations on outdoor cooking, tomahawk throws, pinewood derby racing, turkey shoot, frisbee golf, fishing rodeo, crafts, and chili cook off to

just about anything that kids can dream up.

All scouts and visitors can participate in as many activities that are open to the public. The price of admission is \$2, which also entitles you to a \$165 worth of coupons for use at 17 local businesses.

The Pine Burr Area Council always has some of the best displays at the Scout Show. In the local area, there are over 15,000 involved in scouting.

This year's theme is "Scouting ... America's Best," which is central to the focus of developing youth into the best they can be. Scouting works to lead youth to lifelong values, service and achievement.

The Scout Show is open to everyone, if you have children that are interested in seeing what scouting is about bring him or her to the show. For more information, about the show or scouting in general, contact the scout office (601) 582-2326.

## 'Working on future' theme of Vo-Tech's education week

The Hancock County Vocational Technical Center celebrated Career and Technical Education Week Feb. 9-15 with the theme "Career Tech: Working on Your Future."

Early in the week the Tangipahoa Parish School Board from Louisiana visited the Vo-Tech Center to learn more about its course offerings in auto mechanics, building trades, business technol-

gy, child care, cooperative education diversified technology, drafting, food service, health occupations, lodging and hospitality, metal trades, and welding.

During the week, cooperative education instructor Sandra Cole put up career displays throughout the center and students came dressed as workers from the previously listed 12 vocational service areas.

## Gardening

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Many landscape designers consider it "the backbone of the summer border." David can be used in both the formal garden and the informal garden as in a cottage garden style or in a naturalized design.

It provides great garden color and fragrance from June until frost if dead-headed. Use David with Magnus purple coneflower or Vista Red salvia.

The blue violet flowers of indigo Spires salvia highlight the white petals of Phlox David for a striking combination. For

a stunning effect, plant David with Miscanthus sinensis Morning Light or Miscanthus sinensis Cabaret to provide a color echo of the variegation of the grass foliage with the white flowers of David.

If you are looking for a plant that will return year after year, is environmentally friendly from the standpoint of insects and diseases, offers fragrance, color and long season bloom, there is no better choice than perennial phlox David. It will be in much better supply this spring.

## Angels

"People do need to realize that it is not just stupid people who get hit by a train," he said. "There are many reasons that accidents like these happen. I feel strongly that it is the responsibility of the railroad to ensure the safety of the people in towns where the tracks go through and that crossing arms and lights are an integral part of this."

Though Finegan said his grief has not allowed him to become active in pushing for added safety at rail crossings, he has become more educated about these types of accidents, largely due to an Ohio based organization, the Angels on Track Foundation. Angels was founded by Vicky and Denny Moore, who lost their son Ryan in a train/car accident.

The Moores have given the families a lot of support and even came to meet Finegan when he attended his brother's wedding in Maryland. They are very compassionate and can

since 1980 17,000 people have been killed in crossing accidents and 44,000 injured. There is an accident involving a train and a motor vehicle every 90 minutes. Only about 20 percent

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tion or driving.

The foundation recommends the following safety measures around rail crossings: Always expect a train; always look for a second train; don't get caught on the crossing and if you do get out of the vehicle and away from the track; never race a train, watch for vehicles who must stop at crossings, don't misjudge the speed of the train and the distance it is from you-the train may be closer than it seems and appear to be moving slower than it is-trains require a long distance to stop; be especially careful at night as trains may not be as visible; reduce your speed and look.

To contact the foundation, go to the web at [www.angelsontrackfoundation.org](http://www.angelsontrackfoundation.org).

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understand what you are going through, he said.

But the Moores do more than offer comfort. They have, through the foundation worked to change laws, upgrade rail crossings and educate people about rail safety. Their trademark is "Bad crossings kill good people."

According to the website,

of the 155,000 public grade crossings are equipped with gates and lights. Statistics show, the foundation says that gated crossings are 80 to 90 percent safer than non-gated crossings.

There are many reasons for the accidents, obstructions blocking views, deficient crossing conditions, and improper train opera-

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Giving the impetus to the session, spurred on by last month's grand jury report calling for new facilities in light of population growth and overcrowded "inadequate" present quarters, was the Jaycees community development committee.

The Hancock County board of supervisors Monday took positive steps towards planning for the county and by a more circuitous route moved toward establishment of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 6, 1953 - In a thrilling game, the Mothers of St. Joseph's Academy Parents Club defeated their daughters in the Mother-Daughter basketball game Monday night. The final score was 50 to 33. The cheerleaders stole the show with their pep and enthusiasm, and when Evette Anderson fell, the cheerleaders, Toddie Jacobi and Pudge Huth, ran out to pin a "purple heart" on the wounded player. Then Clothilde Lang made a goal, a large star was pinned on her shirt. Toward the end of the game, the cheerleaders ran out and pinned a "Big Hero" badge on Pat Murphy, the referee. Members of the Mothers team were; Julia Loup, Clothilde Lang, Eran Artigue, Bernice Flink, Louise Kelly, Thelma Kergosien, Matt Rhodes, Irene Hille, Doris Seuzeneau, Margaret Heitzmann, Iva Monti, Yvette Anderson, Mae

Chapman, Mary Blanchard, Phyllis Seuzeneau, Lucille Luke, Donna Pierce, Elaine Colson and Pansy Brandford. Mayor Warren Carver introduced each member of the team as the game began and announced at the end of the game that Elaine Colson won the trophy for the most valuable player on the Mothers' team.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1943 - Brothers in Service. Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Perniciaro Sr., of Bay St. Louis have three sons in

the Service of their country. Corp. J.V. Perniciaro Jr., volunteered in the Army on August 31, 1941 and is stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Pvt. Frank Perniciaro, has been in the service since Sept. 8, 1942, is now on active duty overseas. Pvt. John Perniciaro has been in service since Sept. 8, 1942, and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The Office of Public Relations of the Eighth Naval District advises that Dr. B.L. Ramsey of Bay St. Louis, has been commis-

sioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, has been assigned to report to Marine Barracks, Paris Island, South Carolina.

Second Lt. La Verne J. Wecker, 23, stationed at Keesler Field on temporary duty, was killed Saturday afternoon when the A-36 dive bomber he was piloting on a routine flight crashed into a swampy area near Kiln. Lt. Wecker was from Hugo, Colo., and the first flying fatality recorded at Keesler Field in its 19-month history.

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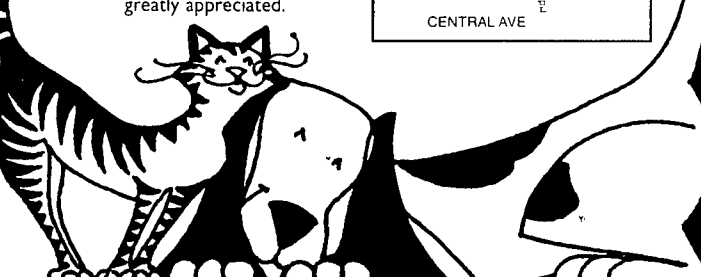
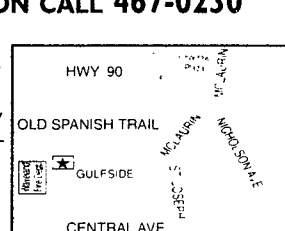
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## Go from Bach to the Beatles to Bill Monroe as Arts Under the Dome presents Nashville Mandolin Ensemble

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

**M**usic lovers will hear everything from Bach to the Beatles to Bill Monroe to Italian Baroque this Friday at the latest Arts Under the Dome concert series.

Friday's performance will feature Butch Baldassari and the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble, a group hailed for revitalizing and reshaping the music of the popular turn of the century mandolin orchestras. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. sharp at the First Methodist Church on 15th St. at 24th Ave. in downtown Gulfport.

This will be the first trip to Mississippi for the Nashville based group, who say they draw their selections from a variety of musical mediums, some original. The group has been playing together since 1991.

Baldassari began his career as a teenager in Pennsylvania, when he took up the electric guitar to play in local bands. But he found his true love, the mandolin, in 1972 when he attended the Philadelphia Folk Festival and saw some of the mandolin greats perform. During this experimental period, he even tried his hand at the violin, but



The Nashville Mandolin Ensemble will perform at the First Methodist Church in Gulfport on Friday. The concert is a part of a continuing series presented by Arts Under the Dome. For more information call 228-863-0047 or 388-9288.

the mandolin won as his choice of instrument.

He played music part time for a number of years and in 1985 joined the Weary Hearts, who won the 1988 Best Bluegrass Band Award from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America. Baldassari was also a member of the Grammy-nominated Lonesome Standard Time and acts as Adjunct

Associate Professor of Mandolin at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music. After moving to Nashville in 1989 he attended the Classical Mandolin Society of America convention and was introduced to the idea of the mandolin orchestra.

Cave drawings in France date stringed instruments as far back as 15,000 B.C. Lute like instruments, cousins of the mandolin

date back to around 2,000 B.C. Paintings from the 1300's depict a close facsimile to the mandolin as it gained popularity in Europe. The mandolin was brought to North America by immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe.

At the turn of the century mandolin orchestras became the rage sometimes with as many as 40 to 50 members. Mandolins were sold in the Sears and Montgomery Wards catalogue. Every college campus had a mandolin club and the orchestras played a variety of music from waltzes to vaudeville to classical. But their popularity began to wane by the close of the 1920's.

In the 1930's the mandolin was once again returned to popular culture by musician Bill Monroe, a Kentucky farm boy, who accompanied his uncle at square dances.

Story has it that Monroe lived so far up in the hills that he didn't realize the instrument was no longer popular. His 1930's bluegrass group the Monroe Brothers received widespread radio play, reintroducing people to the mandolin sound.

The Nashville Mandolin Ensemble set out to revive the spirit of the old time mandolin orchestra and at

times had from 12 to 15 players. The six musicians who will accompany Baldassari to Gulfport represent some of Nashville's finest string payers. They are: Gene Ford and Van Manakas on guitar; Dave Sicher on bass; John Hedgecuth on mandocello; Walter Carter on mandola; Steve Dudash on mandolin and fiddle; and of course Baldassari on mandolin.

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156 Lots/Acreage

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161 Condo Rental/Sale

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Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE MINOR CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION  
VERSUS  
LEO DRISCOLL, a minor, DEFENDANTS  
CAUSE NO. 2002-17A  
SUMMONS  
(Service by Publication, Residence Unknown)  
TO LEO DRISCOLL: alleged father of the minor child named in the Petition, whose last known street and post office address after diligent search and inquiry made is 401 Pecan Park, Bay St. Louis, MS.  
You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioners named herein seeking relief as fully set out in the Petition on file.  
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 18th day of April, 2003, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.  
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.  
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court This 11th day of March, 2003  
(SEAL)  
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR  
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
BY Pamela Cuevas

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE KAY WILLIAMS, Deceased  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CAUSE NO. 200-610  
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 30th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Administrator, upon the Estate of Marjorie Kay Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 25th of February, 2003.  
SIGNED VERNON O. WILLIAMS, Administrator  
William W. Dreher, Jr.  
Dreher Law Firm  
P.O. Box 958  
2224-24th Avenue  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502  
Tel 228-822-2222  
Fax 228-822-2626  
MSB #10117  
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THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
EQUICREDIT CORP. OF AMERICA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PLAZA MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF  
VERSUS  
CAROLYN CUEVAS AND GENE CUEVAS DEFENDANTS  
NO. 2002-88  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
TO: Any and all persons having or claiming any right, title or equitable interest in: 2269 Highway 43, Picayune, MS 39466, more particularly described as:

A parcel of land situated in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, said point being on the south line of Section 28, thence East along South line of said Section 28 a distance of 757.80 feet to a point on the West margin of Highway 43; said point being the SE corner of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas, thence North 01° 54' 33" West along West margin of Highway 43 a distance of 629.57 feet to a point of Beginning, said point being South 01° 54' 33" East 400.00 feet from the SE corner property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas; thence West 384.56 feet to a point; thence North 01° 54' 33" West 340.00 feet to a point; thence East 384.56 feet to a point on the West margin of Highway 43, said point being South 01° 54' 33" East 60.00 feet from the SE corner of property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas; thence South 01° 54' 33" East along the West margin of Highway 43 a distance of 340.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said Property being one and the same conveyed to Gene Cuevas in that certain Warranty Deed dated August 31, 1999, which appears of record in the Land Deed Record of Hancock County, Mississippi, Book B8196, Page 332.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Equicredit Corp. of America, as successor in interest to Plaza Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, seeking to correct the legal description due to a scrivener's error in Deed of Trust filed of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 568 at Page 769, et seq. Defendants other than you in this action are Carolyn Cuevas, Gene Cuevas, and any and all persons having or claiming any right, title, or equitable interest in the aforesaid property.  
You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in the action to: Eric D. Woodson, Esq., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is Allen, Vaughn, Cobb and Hood, P.A. One Hancock Plaza, Post Office Drawer 4108, Gulfport, MS 39502.  
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE FEBRUARY 27, 2003, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.  
You must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said date.  
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 24 day of February 2003  
(SEAL)  
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
BY Pamela Cuevas D.C.  
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The following property will be sold for cash  
At public auction to the highest bidder on  
April 7, 2003, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

644 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, MS  
(3bedrooms, 1 bath, Brick Veneer)

The sale will be held at the North door of  
the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of  
Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description  
and details of the sale, please refer to the legal  
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2 BEDROOM HOME new carpet: \$375.00

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**3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Waveland home** situated on 1.3 fenced and cross-fenced acres. Cent air and heat, vinyl siding, carport and pecan trees. \$129,000. (3B4)

**SUPER HOME** at super elevation. Short walk to the beach from this 3 bd., 2 ba., 2,218 sq. ft. home. Spacious with tons of storage. Priced at \$179,000. (3B1)

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442, Block 5, DIAMONDHEAD, UNIT 7; A subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book #4 at Pages 45-50 thereon.

ANYONE who acquires any such title as vested in me by the above Subveyed Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on February 25, 1993.

GARY MASSEY SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE  
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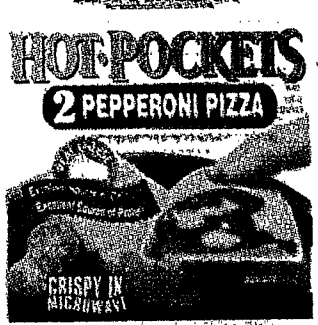


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